

# ***Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center Kearney, Nebraska 2004 - 2005 Annual Report***



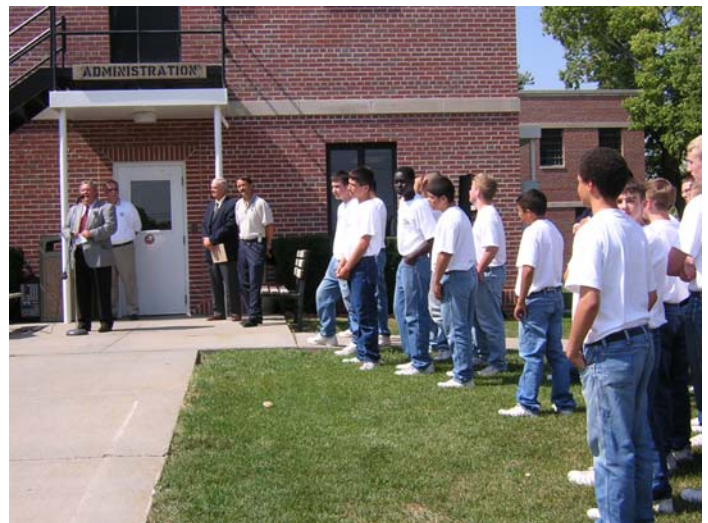
## ***Helping Youth Live Better Lives***

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**The YRTC-Kearney Annual Report 2004/2005  
is dedicated to the  
YRTC-Kearney Staff who served youth from  
1879 - 2004**

The 2004 – 2005 Kearney Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center's Annual Report is dedicated to the hundreds of former and current YRTC-Kearney staff who served the YRTC-K youth. Since 1879, YRTC-Kearney has had over 50,000 youth receive campus services. In the early years as the Nebraska State Reform School and the Nebraska State Industrial School, the staff led programming in developing good work habits and trade skills to enable youth to enter the work force. In the 1940's, the Boys Training School staff enhanced youth programming with the addition of an accredited school program to lead youth toward earning their high school program. The 1970's saw the then Youth Development Center staff combine educational programming with developing therapeutic treatment approaches that have evolved into a broad range of staff delivered services today at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center that lead youth to opportunities to become law abiding productive Nebraska citizens.



**Staff, Members of the Community, and Youth attend the 125<sup>th</sup> Open House Festivities**

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# FACT SHEET

## Administrative Team

Tim O'Dea, Administrator  
David Kottich, Assistant Administrator  
Deb Eirich, Business Manager  
Lyle Drieling, Psychologist  
Ron Cox, Psychologist Associate  
Tom Smith, Youth Counselor Supervisor  
Tony Kleidosty, Principal  
Dan Theobald, Training Coordinator  
Steve Reeves, Facility Maintenance Manager  
Mary Tatum, Food Service Director  
Richard Wetjen, Recreation Manager  
Marvin Valdois, Religious Coordinator  
Kim Frink, R.N.  
Rosalie McCurry, Administrative Assistant

## YRTC-K Advisory Board

Donna Bamford - Business Owner, Neighbor  
Don Kearney – Banker  
Carol Lungrin - Business Owner  
Sue Placke - Business Owner  
Ann Tvrdik - Business Owner, Neighbor  
Lori Moore – Teacher  
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## Annual Budget

\$8,344,012.00

## Number of Staff

148

## Average Length of Stay

6.9 months

## Average Daily Population

189 - this includes youth at HJCD and CSTP

## Per Diem Costs

\$142.37



# **MISSION AND AFFIRMATIONS**

## **Nebraska Health and Human Services System**

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

We help people live better lives through effective  
Health and Human Services.

### **OFFICE OF JUVENILE SERVICES MISSION STATEMENT**

The Nebraska Office of Juvenile Services' mission is to provide individualized supervision, care, accountability and treatment, in a manner consistent with public safety, to those youth committed or referred for evaluation. Furthermore, OJS promotes prevention efforts through the support of programs and services designed to meet the needs of youth identified as being at risk of violating the law or endangering themselves or others. To accomplish this, OJS will offer programs through a balanced delivery system which provides youth the opportunity to become law-abiding and productive citizens.

### **YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER- KEARNEY MISSION STATEMENT**

THE YOUTH REHABILITATION AND TREATMENT CENTER KEARNEY'S MISSION IS TO  
HELP YOUTH LIVE BETTER LIVES THROUGH EFFECTIVE SERVICES AFFORDING  
YOUTH THE OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME LAW-ABIDING AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

## **AFFIRMATIONS RELATED TO YOUTH**

- ⌘ Youth can help others and himself.
- ⌘ Every youth needs to feel valued and cared about.
- ⌘ Youth are capable of change.
- ⌘ Youth are looking for structure. Lack of structure leads to anxiety.
- ⌘ Youth need accountability.
- ⌘ All youth can learn.
- ⌘ Each youth has a constitutional and moral right to be treated fairly.
- ⌘ Youth leaving YRTC-K will show positive value changes.

## **2004/2005 ANNUAL GOALS**

1. To operate the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney in a safe and secure manner that maintains an adequate quality of life for youth as indicated by Performance Based Standards data reports, HHS leadership visits, and other external & internal customers.
2. To provide for and maintain youth rights as determined by the United States and Nebraska Constitutions and Federal and State Laws as indicated by tort claims, lawsuits, or substantiated youth grievances.
3. To operate the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney in an efficient and cost effective manner within the state budget allocation as indicated by monthly and annual budget reports.

# ***INTRODUCTION AND ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE***

The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney (YRTC-K) was established by the Nebraska State Legislature in 1879 and began receiving young people, both male and female, in July 1881. In 1892, the then Nebraska State Reform School for Juvenile Offenders, became a male-only youth facility with the establishment of the female youth facility in Geneva, Nebraska. The original 320-acre Kearney campus was developed on land donated to the State of Nebraska by the City of Kearney. The State of Nebraska returned nearly 200 acres to the City of Kearney for the development of a city-operated golf course in 1991. On January 1, 1994, the institutional name was changed for the fifth time to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center by the Nebraska Unicameral. YRTC-K also was placed legislatively under the Office of Juvenile Services within the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. On January 1, 1997, the Unicameral merged the Office of Juvenile Services with four other State agencies to form the Health and Human Services System. HHSS is the parent agency under which YRTC-K is one of nine 24 hour care facilities including three Regional Centers, three Veterans Homes, one Development Center, and the two YRTC's. YRTC-K is within the HHSS Protection and Safety Division.

YRTC-K youth treatment programming is provided in psychological / social services, problem solving, education, pre-vocational exposure and training, social skills, drug & alcohol assessment / education / treatment, sexual trauma therapy, recreation and religion. Youth under the age of 18 at the time of adjudication are committed for an indeterminate stay and must be released on or before their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

YRTC-K programming promotes the restorative justice concept by actively involving youth in numerous community service projects. The youth experience of positively contributing to the community through service work hopefully becomes a viable facet of their adult life. Documentation of youth service is contained throughout the following YRTC-K Annual Program Report.

The 2004-05 fiscal year was highlighted with successful 125th anniversary events including a community campus open house, which over 100 people attended. YRTC-K staff and campus also hosted the 45<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Western States Association in September with over 100 conference participants treated to Nebraska hospitality.

The staff efforts to maintain a daily campus youth census of 150 were excellent. We saw an average campus census of 152 youth with the average length of youth program stay increased to 201 days. This increase enabled youth to have the opportunity to improve their skills and practice behaviors to be successful in their community.

We look forward to the 05-06 fiscal year as we move forward in our work to assist youth and families through continued enhancement of our family centered practices. We also will continue to improve the campus physical environment working toward interior road and pathway renovation, campus fire suppression system and renovated campus electrical distribution enhancements.



# **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND LICENSES**

***West Kearney High School, YRTC-Kearney, is accredited by the Nebraska Department of Education as a Special Purpose School and has been for 31 years.***

***West Kearney High School, YRTC-Kearney, is accredited by the North Central Association of Schools & Colleges as an Optional School and has been accredited for 14 years.***

***YRTC-K is inspected and approved for occupancy by the Nebraska State Fire Marshall.***

***YRTC-K's boilers are inspected and licensed by the Nebraska Department of Labor.***

***YRTC-K's cafeteria facilities are inspected and approved by the HHS Regulation & Licensure.***

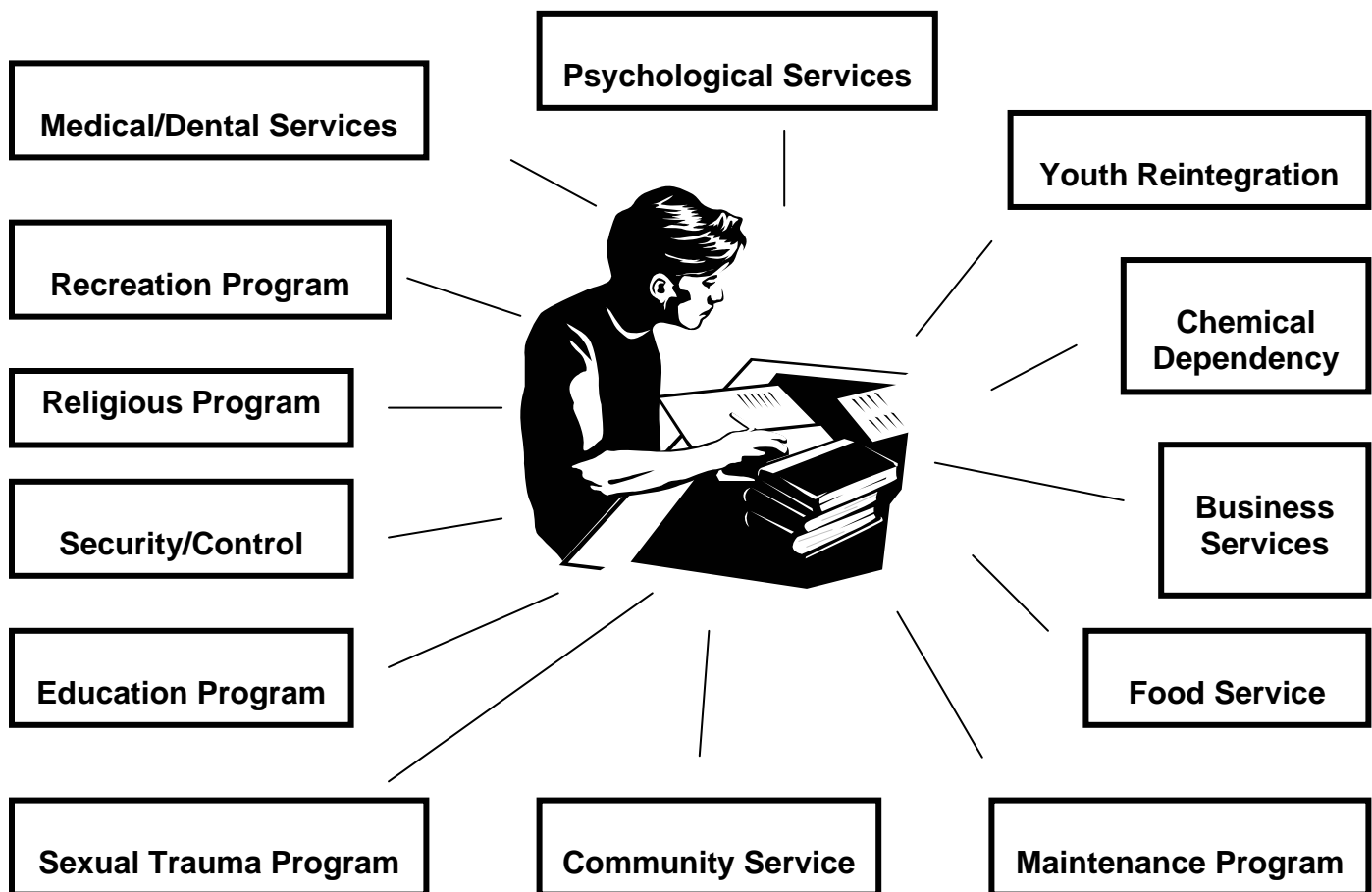
***YRTC-K's swimming pool facility is inspected/approved to operate by HHS Regulation & Licensure.***

***YRTC-K is a member of:***

- ♦ ***American Correctional Association (ACA)***
- ♦ ***Performance Based Standards Project for Juvenile Facilities sponsored by OJJDP and Council for Juvenile Correctional Administrators***
- ♦ ***Western States Training Schools Association***
- ♦ ***Correctional Education Association (CEA)***
- ♦ ***National Association of Juvenile Correctional Agencies (NAJCA)***
- ♦ ***Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce (KACC)***



# ***YOUTH TREATMENT PROGRAM SERVICES***



# SECURITY AND CONTROL

*The Mission of the YRTC-K Security and Control Department is to maintain custody of each youth while providing a safe and secure environment that enables the youth to make personal and positive behavior and attitude changes while achieving good communication, cooperation and collaboration among security staff supplying excellent customer service with confidence.*

## **STAFF**

The YRTC-K Security and Control Department includes fifty-seven employees. Seven Youth Security Supervisors (YSS or OD's). Thirty-eight Youth Security Specialist II's (YSSII's or Living Unit Staff). Twelve Youth Security Specialist I's (YSS I's or Nightwatch). Five of the YSS or OD's supervise the first (6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and second shift (2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.) on an alternating basis. Two YSS or OD's supervise the third shift (10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.). The thirty-eight YSS II's work alternating first and second shifts determined by work schedules of each of the six living units. The twelve YSS I's work the third shift in the six youth living units. The YRTC-K Administrator, Assistant Administrator and Youth Counselor Supervisor carry a cell phone and are available for all emergency situations. During weekends and holidays, appointed Chief of Staff members are assigned to carry a cell phone for emergency situations.

During fiscal year 2004/2005, there were three YSS I positions vacated and filled computing to a 27% turnover rate. Fifteen YSS II positions were vacated and filled which computed to a 39% turnover rate. One YSS position was vacated and filled during the year. The total number of 19 security positions vacated and filled computes to a 34% turnover rate within the department.

## **CUSTODY**

The YRTC-K experienced 11 youth escapes during the 2004/2005 fiscal year. There were nine fewer escapes than the previous year. A security department goal is to keep the number of escapes to 5% or less of the total youth count. The total admissions during 2004/2005 were 453. This computed to a 2.4% escape rate, which accomplished our goal. Three escapes occurred while the youth were on off-grounds visits and one while on an on-grounds visit. Seven of the eleven escapes occurred from the YRTC-K campus. All apprehended escapees were charged with a felony escape in Buffalo County Court. A parent of one escapee was successfully prosecuted in Buffalo County Court for aiding a son's escape from YRTC-K. All escapees returning to YRTC-K received a disciplinary stay in the YRTC-K Security Unit and a 90-day release deferment.

## **COUNT CHANGES**

During the fiscal year 2004/2005, the YRTC-K experienced 1,496 master count changes. Master count changes included: youth admissions/dismissals, furloughs, home visits, court appearances, medical leaves and other placements in other programs. The YRTC-K averaged 4.1 youth count changes per day.

## **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

The YRTC-K Disciplinary Committee is comprised of the Assistant Administrator, Youth Counselor Supervisor and Psychologist Associate. This committee held 446 youth disciplinary hearings during the 2004/2005 fiscal year. The hearings were held to decide sanctions for youth that committed major rule violations. Each hearing was preceded by an investigation of the reported violation. Each youth is afforded the right to appeal the decision of the Disciplinary Committee to the YRTC-K Administrator.

The youth violations and number of occurrences included: assaultive behavior toward other youth (149), destruction of property (57), assaultive behavior toward staff (22), escapes and attempted escapes (16), contraband (7), positive U/A's and medication abuse (7), sexual misconduct (6), theft (3). Other inappropriate behavior and number of occurrences which resulted in confinement included: non-compliance to the Youth Treatment Program (53), disobeying a direct order (42), failed the Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program (12), threats, gestures and fighting (10) and mutinous actions (10). Three hundred seventy-seven (377) youth received confinement to the YRTC-K Security Unit for their violations. Sanctions received for rule violations other than confinement for up to five days included: restitution for damages, release deferments for up to 90 days, administrative hold status in confinement for multiple occurrences of the same violation, verbal warnings and referrals to other venues of the treatment program.

The YRTC-K experienced 41 staff physical interventions during 2004/2005 fiscal year. All forty-one (41) interventions were procedurally investigated and determined to have been necessary and appropriate.

## **SAFETY, SECURITY AND SANITATION**

Safety, Security, and Sanitation inspections were conducted regularly. Administrative staff conduct a weekly building inspection of designated areas. Department heads completed weekly inspections of their assigned buildings. YSS, YSS II and YSS I's did daily inspections of their work areas each shift. Maintenance personnel were assigned specific buildings in order to supply preventive maintenance, building upkeep and available for emergency needs. All deficiencies discovered during inspections were recorded and procedures to correct them were pursued. The YRTC-K Safety, Security and Sanitation Committee consists of the Assistant Administrator, Facility Maintenance Manager and YRTC-K Nurse Supervisor. This committee inspected YRTC-K buildings on a monthly basis and reported their findings directly to the YRTC-K Administrator.

The physical condition of the YRTC-K is considered high priority and good housekeeping procedures are stressed. These procedures enable YRTC-K to supply a positive living and working environment. The youth are responsible for housekeeping duties and are expected to maintain appropriate personal hygiene. During the 2004/2005 fiscal year, 1,579 youth signed up to receive haircuts from a contracted barber at the YRTC-K barbershop. Personal hygiene items and toiletries are supplied to new youth and also sold at the YRTC-K canteen for all youth.

## **SUMMARY**

The strength of the YRTC-K Security Department is capable, well trained staff to implement the Youth Treatment Program. The YRTC-K invested heavily in quality training for new and present employees. The 58 security staff accumulated over 4000 hours of training during 2004/2005 fiscal year. We will strive to acquire the necessary training to maintain the integrity of the YRTC-K program.

## **COMMENTS FROM YOUTH AND OTHER DEPARTMENTAL STAFF**

***"The YSS II's are cooperative and the OD's are helpful." SBO***

***"The Security Department is outstanding. The Security staff go above and beyond the call of duty." YRTC-K CD staff***

***"I witnessed security staff intervene with a hostile, out of control youth and they demonstrated patience and handled in a calm manner." Trauma Department***

***"I think security staff is very aware of what youth are doing at YRTC-K. I think communication is good between staff and pass along important information about youth behavior." Educator YRTC-K***

***"They are protective and won't let anyone get hurt. They help group in a polite and mannerly way." D-1 group member***



**Youth Security Specialist II Paul Palazzolla**



**Youth Security Supervisor Brian Long**

# PERFORMANCE BASED STANDARDS

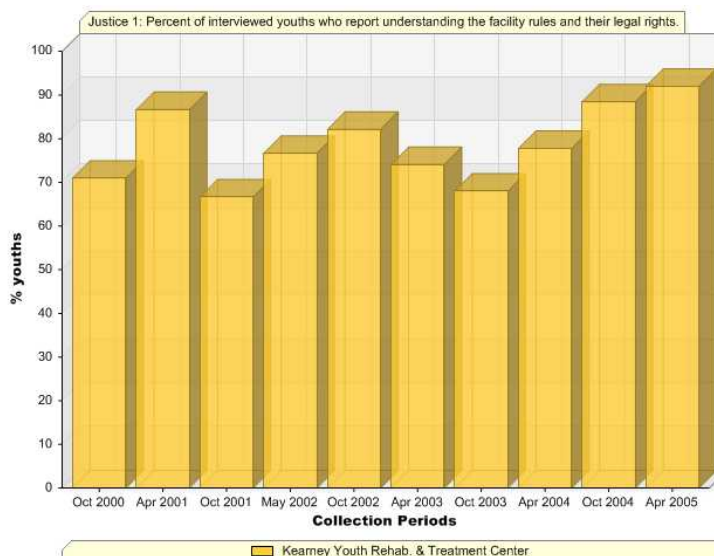
Performance-based standards (PbS) for Youth Correction and Detention Facilities is a system for agencies and facilities to identify, monitor and improve conditions and treatment services provided to incarcerated youth using national standards and outcome measures. Directed by the Council of Juvenile Correctional Administrators (CJCA), PbS asks participants to collect and analyze data to target specific areas for improvement. The PbS system of continuous learning and improvement provides:

1. A set of goals and standards that individual facilities and agencies should strive to meet over 80 standards in 7 critical areas, safety, order, security, programming, health/mental health, justice, and reintegration.
2. Tools to help facilities achieve these standards through regular self-assessment and self-improvement;
3. Reports that allow facilities to evaluate performance over time and in comparison to similar facilities; and
4. Promotion and sharing of effective practices and support among facilities.

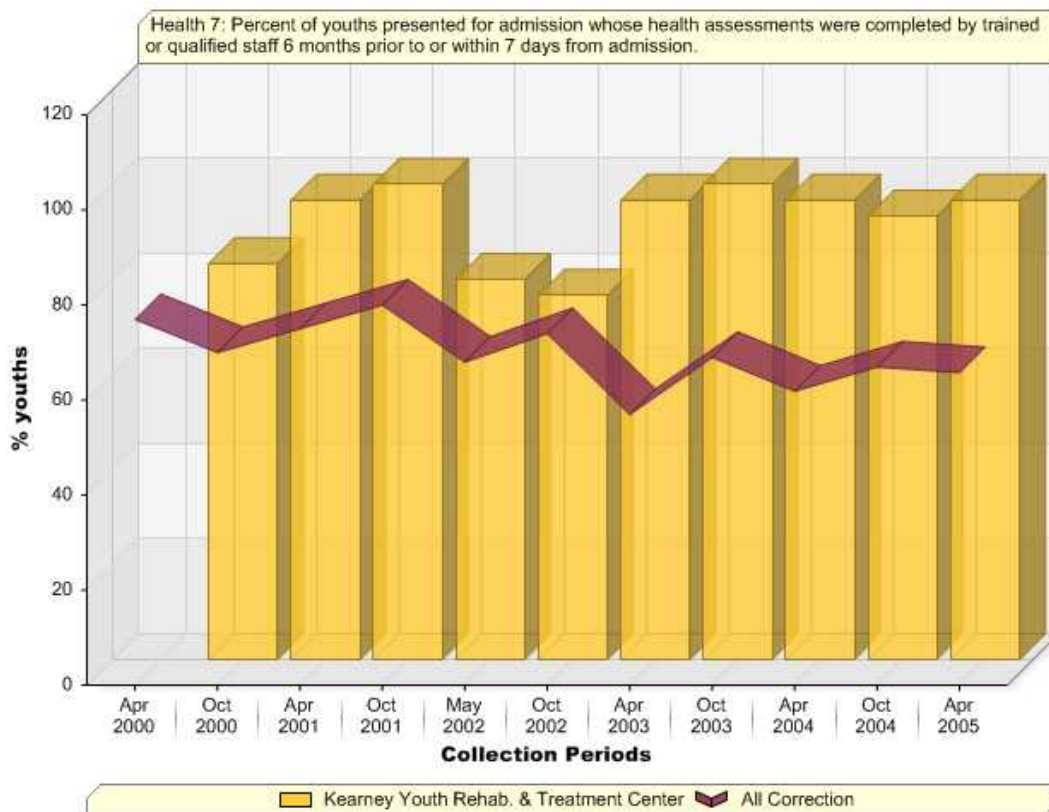
CJCA's goal is to integrate PbS into daily facility operations to create a field-supported and self-sustaining continuous learning and improvement system in facilities nationwide. CJCA provides support to PbS sites through a variety of training and technical assistance efforts, which include a consultant assigned to each site to ease and guide PbS implementation. Benefits of participation include:

1. The ability to measure and track key indicators of facility performance;
2. Comparison with similar participating facilities across the country;
3. Definition of measurable goals and development of strategies to achieve them;
4. Access resources and assistance to make improvements; and
5. Accountability and data available to help gain public support.

YRTC-K joined PbS in 2000. There were 30 some sites using PbS at that time. Today there are over 140 facilities using PbS. We do data collection in April and October every year; this data comes from youth records, reports and interviews. This data is used to generate a graphic site report of each facility's performance in key outcome measures. The report tracks performance over time and shows facility measures compared to field averages. These reports are then used to identify areas that need improvement, then develop and implement a detailed improvement plan.



The PbS Performance Improvement Team (PIT) at YRTC-K is made up of Mr. O'Dea (Administrator), Mr. Haarberg (YSS and Site Coordinator), Ms. Jarecki (Staff Assistant II and PbS data collector), Mr. Wetjen (Recreation Manager) and Mr. McMullen (YC II). At present time the PIT team is working on improvement plans that involve decreasing amount of time youth are in segregation/special management unit and working to find more information about youth's homes that have been assessed for future placement.



There have been many procedural changes at YRTC-K due to the previous improvement plans. These changes include:

1. New intake forms were created that list intake time and include a suicide screening.
2. The nursing department now completes medical assessments on all youth within 7 days or less of admission, parole safekeepers weren't typically seen until their parole was revoked.
3. Youth are verbally informed of their right to visit, call and write lawyers.
4. YRTC-K completes a pre and post Physical Fitness assessment on all youth.
5. An exit interview is done with youth leaving orientation to check their understanding of facility rules/procedures.
6. Youth Counselors complete a summary report on all youth.
7. Youth did not understand the levels of the Youth Treatment Program; YRTC-K's orientation program and youth manual were changed to address this.
8. A new Placement Worksheet has been developed that is more technical and specific to youth needs. It also helps to make sure YC, youth, and aftercare workers are all aware of the youth's plan.



# TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION

## TREATMENT PROGRAM

*The Mission of the YRTC-K youth treatment program is to empower youth to make a value change through a structured process of giving and receiving help where he learns to care for others and to live better lives through positive communication, cooperation, and collaboration.*

Chart A indicates 3,988 youth treatment group meetings were held last fiscal year. It also reflects 418 youth assigned to treatment groups by YC I's. YC II's interviewed and completed 67 PV and Recommitment reports.

There were 218 youth released during the last fiscal year. Chart B figures reflect youth released via YRTC-K treatment program procedures.

**CHART A**

<b>Fiscal Year 2004/05</b>	<b>Number of Group Meetings</b>	<b>Youth Assigned to Groups</b>	<b>PV &amp; REC Reports</b>
July 04	347	41	8
Aug 04	358	37	4
Sep 04	347	37	8
Oct 04	329	32	4
Nov 04	343	37	4
Dec 04	256	36	6
Jan 05	317	27	8
Feb 05	312	31	8
Mar 05	358	35	2
Apr 05	352	33	5
May 05	328	35	6
Jun 05	341	37	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3988</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>67</b>

**CHART B**

<b>FISCAL YEAR 2003/04</b>	<b># of Youth Administratively Released Due to Overpopulation</b>	<b># of Youth Released Through Guidelines</b>
July 04	4	15
Aug 04	4	14
Sep 04	7	8
Oct 04	15	6
Nov 04	10	12
Dec 04	13	5
Jan 05	7	4
Feb 05	12	9
Mar 05	12	13
Apr 05	5	10
May 05	8	5
Jun 05	10	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>107**</b>	<b>111</b>

\*\*Does not include: OJS Classification "3" releases and youth released from the HJCD Program in Hastings.

### **YC I & II's CONTACTS**

YC I & II's made 3,150 contacts with parents through face to face meetings, mail and phone calls. They made 4,327 contacts with JSO's through face to face meetings, mail and phone calls. There were 64 contacts made with Guardian Ad Litem and 64 contacts with the Foster Care Review Board. YC I & II's conducted 16,281 individual counseling contacts with YRTC-K youth.

### **TRAINING**

During the past fiscal year YCII Tim Jorgensen attended 7 meetings of the Central Nebraska Gang Intelligence Association in Grand Island NE. YC I Van Matre and Krolikowski have also attended 2 meetings.

YC I Rodriguez and YCI Stroud along with members of Morton and Washington treatment teams took groups to the Grand Island Veteran's Home to complete work projects and interact with members of the home. This occurred 15 times during the year.

YC I's and YC II's attended nine Youth Counselor training sessions covering a wide array of training subjects.

YC I's and YC II's attended the Western States Conference held a YRTC-K and YRTC-G in Sept of 2004. YC II's Jorgensen and Vollmer presented a program on the treatment program for YRTC-K at the conference.

All youth counselors attended Family Centered Practice Training in Jan. 2005.

During March of 2005 all Youth Counselors attended a full day of training including a trip to HJCD in Hastings for a tour and training from Dr. Judson.

### **OTHER**

YC I's Craig Van Matre and Aaron Matuschka were promoted from YSS II to YC I's due to two other YC I's advancing their careers.

YC I Cindy Krolikowski received her Employee of the Year award in Lincoln at a recognition dinner held by HHSS.

### **HOLIDAY FURLOUGH**

Thirty-nine youth had a holiday furlough. Thirty-seven youth had successful furloughs. 84 youth remained on campus for the holidays. All youth received holiday gifts from home or from staff and "Santa". YRTC staff planned many activities for a successful holiday season.

### **QUOTES**

**"I have enjoyed watching my grandson grow into a happier, more self-assured young man. He has matured physically and emotionally and appears more confident in his abilities since he has been there in your wonderful program."**

Grandparent of Youth

**"He did so well and I'm pleased to see the change in him. He is growing up since he have been in there. Whatever you guys are doing with him now is a big help to me and I thank you all that works with him to better himself. "** Parent comment regarding Holiday furlough

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**2004/2005 Attitudinal Survey Results**

QUESTION	IDEAL ANSWER	PRE-TEST AVERAGE SCORE	POST-TEST AVERAGE SCORE	ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT
1. I have important things to say to others.	Strongly Agree=4	3.13	3.52	0.39
2. I can tell people how I feel.	Strongly Agree=4	3.25	3.50	0.25
3. I have control over what problems I show.	Strongly Agree=4	3.35	3.70	0.35
4. I sometimes wonder if my friends are really my friends.	Strongly Agree=4	2.67	2.97	0.30
5. I feel things would go better in my life if people would stop picking on me.	Strongly Disagree=4	2.97	3.28	0.31
6. I feel safe when I'm locked up.	Strongly Disagree=4	3.00	2.92	-0.08
7. I feel I can be honest with my family.	Strongly Agree=4	3.54	3.81	0.27
8. If I want something, all I need to do is take it.	Strongly Disagree=4	3.40	3.73	0.33
9. What I do has little effect on others.	Strongly Disagree=4	3.12	3.35	0.23
10. When I get home things will be the same for me as they always were.	Strongly Disagree=4	3.34	3.62	0.28

**Total Average Scores and Net Average Attitude Adjustment**

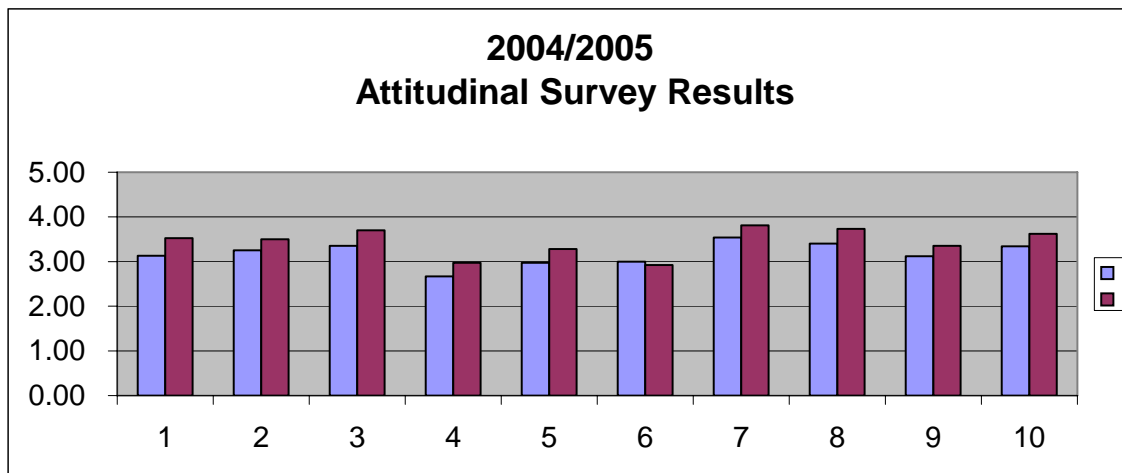
**31.78**

**34.25**

**2.52**

209 youth completed the pre and post tests

Average time between pre and post tests = 206 days



# ***TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION***

## ***ORIENTATION AND CLASSIFICATION***

*The Mission of the YRTC-K Orientation and Classification program is to facilitate each new youth's successful entry into the YRTC-K Youth Treatment Program and provide accurate, valid, and timely information to properly classify each youth to enable them to live better lives.*

Psychologist Associate Cox completed classification studies on 352 new YRTC-K commitments for the 2004/05 fiscal year.

As a facet of the classification process 29 youth were released early, within 30 days of their arrival. Of those, 17 were from Douglas County, 10 from Lancaster County, one from Sheridan County and one from Hamilton County. Twenty-two of the youth were 18, six were 17, and one was 15. The 15-year-old was an illegal immigrant released to INS officials. One 17 year old was transferred to an out of state placement to address his specific needs. Another 17 year old was returned to Omaha to face an adult charge. The remaining 26 youth were institutionally discharged to parents or other relatives. Of the twenty-two 18 year olds, 12 were within six months of their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Adequate, accurate background information remains a problem area in the classification process. Some youth are being committed to YRTC without an Office of Juvenile Services evaluation being conducted during the calendar year prior to the commitment. Accessing information from prior placements remains a periodic problem.

Maintaining a campus population of 150 is a constant concern of the classification process. The Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency and the Culturally Specific Transition programs are important components in controlling the population.



**A youth's first stop on campus Dickson Living Unit**

# **TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION**

## **PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES**

*The Mission of the YRTC-K Psychological Services program is to communicate information pertaining to each youth's cognitive and emotional functioning which has implications for his treatment and placement planning enabling each youth to become a law-abiding and productive citizen.*

The YRTC-K Psychological Services program completed individual clinical interviews/evaluations and file reviews with written Psychological Update reports for 378 youth prior to classification during the 2004/2005-service year. This included extended reports with DSM-IV supplements for 146 youth being considered for transfer to the Hastings Juvenile Chemical Dependency Program.

The YRTC-K Psychological Services program provided comprehensive reports including clinical interviews, mental status updates and formal/informal assessments with DSM diagnostic supplements for 7 youth being considered for placement in follow-up residential treatment. Magellan applications and peer reviews/appeals related to youth eligibility were accomplished as necessary.

YRTC-K Psychologist Drieling conducted interviews/evaluations, observations, status reviews and reports for 10 youth referred due to threats/gestures of self-endangerment or other crisis issues.

The YRTC-K Psychological Services program provided pertinent records, current Psychological Updates and consultation for 41 youth and completed follow-up mental health evaluations with reports for 3 youth at the request of YRTC-K Health Services.

YRTC-K Psychological Services completed individual psychological testing using the Wechsler series for 66 youth with results summarized via charts &/or reports. This includes cognitive appraisal of youth without testing in the past three years and youth with inadequate or inconsistent assessment results in support of the WKHS educational and YRTC-K treatment programs. Supplemental assessments were also accomplished as necessary using the Reynolds Adolescent Depression Scale, Thematic Apperception Test and other methods.

The YRTC-K Psychological Services program completed a total of 398 clinical evaluations with reports and 60 cognitive evaluations during the 2004/2005-service year.

EAP referral information was provided upon request and EAP information was periodically disseminated to staff

YRTC-K Psychological Services provided ongoing formal/informal clinical and technical consultation regarding youth treatment and educational programming to YRTC-K staff and administration throughout the year.

Dr. Drieling participated in professional development activities addressing YRTC-K program needs and completed continuing education for HHS Psychology licensure renewal.

# ***TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION***

## ***CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAM***

*The Mission of the YRTC-K Chemical Dependency program is to provide each youth with effective assessment, education, and treatment for substance abuse services to assist youth to live better lives.*

### **ASSESSMENTS**

A total of 420 youth were committed to YRTC-K with the Chemical Dependency Program staff completing 403 youth assessments for substance abuse issues during 2004/05. The remaining 17 youth were assessed at other facilities. The level of risk determined by staff for youth committed to YRTC-K is as follows:

Level of Risk	Youth Number
High	369
Medium	47
Low	4

The CD staff also had a 45% response rate for the YRTC-K family survey sent in regard to the youth's use of chemicals.

### **GROUPS AND CLASSES**

The Chemical Dependency (CD) Program staff completed 453 group therapy sessions in 2004/05. This allowed 57 youth to receive chemical dependency assistance, which would be on the stabilization level of care. These sessions assisted youth in preparing for continued community treatment either at inpatient or outpatient levels. All of the youth that completed the Chemical Dependency groups were referred for follow-up services upon their YRTC-K release.

The CD education component provided 339 classes with an average of 10 youth per class. The pre/post test data showed a 24.9% average increase in positive knowledge gained within these classes.

### **FOLLOW-UP TREATMENT**

There were 179 youth referred for follow-up care by CD staff to outpatient treatment throughout the state. Services and levels of care were discussed with the youth's JSO. These services included long-term and short-term treatment, residential treatment, halfway homes, intensive outpatient care, community support groups, drug/alcohol U/A screening instruments, and Treatment Group Homes.

### **HASTINGS JUVENILE CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROGRAM (HJCD)**

The purpose of the HJCD program is to provide YRTC-K youth with a long-term residential level of care. The youth must meet the following guidelines to qualify to transfer to HJCD. This includes: (1) Must be committed to YRTC-K (2) Must have a diagnosis of dependency as a primary diagnosis (3) Must be above the age of 13 (4) Must have attempted previous treatment interventions.



The number of YRTC-K youth actually transferred to HJCD were:

Fiscal Year	Youth Transfers
1999/00	41
2000/01	68
2001/02	59
2002/03	73
2003/04	115
2004/05	124

### **SUMMARY**

Our statistics continue to reflect the seriousness of drug/alcohol use among youth committed to YRTC-K. Chemical Dependency staff continually looks for updated materials for the educational component. Staff also provides training to YRTC-K staff to keep them informed. Chemical Dependency staff continue to receive the necessary training required by YRTC-K, as well as attending workshops and seminars in order to achieve CEU's necessary to maintain their CADAC certificates.



**Chemical Dependency Secretary Vicki Holloway**



**The Chemical Dependency and Trauma Department enjoy their newly remodeled area.**



**Ms. Davis instructing youth on a drug free activity.**

# **TREATMENT AND CLASSIFICATION**

## **TRAUMA PROGRAM**

*The mission of the YRTC-K Trauma Program is to provide therapy services which will assist youth with developing a set of personal beliefs, thoughts, and actions that will enhance their ability to effectively manage their trauma experience, to reduce their risk for re-offending and/or for being re-victimized, and to ultimately improve the quality of their lives.*

### **YRTC-K TRAUMA PROGRAM STAFF:**

The Trauma Program is staffed by a Licensed Mental Health Practitioner.

### **YRTC-K TRAUMA PROGRAM REFERRALS FOR 2004 – 2005:**

Trauma Program Referrals originate from various sources within the facility. 78% of all referrals originate from the Associate Psychologist and are generated within the first week or two of the youth's arrival. The facility Administrator, Psychologist, and Youth Counselors generate the remaining 22% of referrals. Also included in this 22% are those youth who are automatically screened out by Trauma Staff and re-interviewed, due to their previous involvement in the YRTC-K Trauma Program. A referral is initiated for any youth, at any point in time during their stay, whenever a potential need for Trauma Therapy Services is suspected or revealed.

Victims	33
Perpetrators	9
Victim/Perpetrators	18
PTSD, Active & Disruptive	12
Sex Offender High-Risk Assessments	4
Mental Health Status Evaluations	5
Trauma Program Criteria not met	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>

### **PROGRAMMING:**

Trauma Program Services are individualized to meet the specific needs of each identified youth. An in-depth interview with the youth, as well as a thorough review of the youth's history through research of available file information, provides a guideline for determining what services will best serve this youth. Additional information, as it becomes available, is also utilized for the purpose of this ongoing assessment of needs. Goals and interventions are individualized for each youth and integrated into the youth's Individual Treatment Plan (ITP). The following program options are available to meet the needs of identified youth:

#### **Group Therapy**

This is an offender group for youth with perpetration issues. They are required to meet for 90 minutes, three times per week.

#### **Individual Therapy**

This consists of one hour weekly counseling sessions for those individuals who need to address issues of sexual victimization. Individual counseling is also provided to all youth that are involved in group therapy as well.

### **Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Individual Therapy**

This consists of one hour weekly sessions for youth who are experiencing symptoms of PTSD secondary to childhood experiences of significant and debilitating abuse, causing considerable impairment and interference with their ability to adapt successfully to their social environment and responsibilities.

### **Sexual Offender Risk Assessments**

A comprehensive assessment is completed to determine a youth's current level of risk for sexual re-offending. This determination is most often a vital and key component relevant to issues of placement for a youth who has a history of sexually offending upon others.

### **Trauma Psycho-Educational Therapy**

There is a variety of educational resource material that is utilized with youth in both group and individual therapy, for the purpose of enhancing the learning process by accommodating all of the various learning styles that these youth engage in. Learning materials in the form of videos, books/ booklets, pamphlets, handouts, and packets are available. Experiential learning processes occur with expressive drawing, role-playing, and family sculpturing.

### **Youth Program Involvement Statistics for 2004 - 2005:**

Group therapy	4
Individual Therapy	55
Risk Assessments	4
Mental Health Status Exams	5

- 3 of 4 youth successfully completed Trauma Program Group Therapy Services. One youth that had begun Trauma Group at YRTC-K was identified as having more extensive needs and was subsequently Administratively released and transferred to a long-term Residential Sexual Offender Treatment Program.
- 5 youth that had experienced previous success in working through their perpetrator issues and continued success in avoiding any re-offending thoughts and behaviors, utilized Individual Therapy Services to address unresolved issues related to past victimization.
- 4 youth that were identified for Individual Trauma Therapy Services to address unresolved victimization issues were administratively released. These youth were not a risk for harm to others; however, they were each provided with a recommendation for individual outpatient counseling upon their return home, to ensure their opportunity to address and resolve these victimization issues.
- 10 youth that were identified for Individual Trauma Therapy Services to address unresolved victimization issues were transferred to HJCD due to their primary need for drug and alcohol treatment. Recommendations were also made for these ten youth to be provided with counseling services that would also address their unresolved trauma issues.
- 5 Mental Health Status Exams were completed with youth for the purpose of determining level of safety and ability to maintain safety in relation to current environment due to history of self-harming behaviors and/or history of mental instability (Axis I diagnosed) with these youth. 1 of these youth that had been identified to be in need of psychiatric stabilization was subsequently transferred to Lincoln Regional Center (LRC) and provided with appropriate mental health services.

### **Adolescent Sexual Information Scale Pre and Post Test Tool:**

This is a therapeutic tool utilized with all youth that receive Trauma Program Services. A pretest score is obtained on each youth to determine level and severity of sexual thinking errors. This

information is also utilized in determining specific educational needs for each youth, related to sexual boundaries and behaviors. A post test score is then obtained from each youth as they near completion of the program. This score is obtained by administering the same test that was utilized for pretest purposes. A comparison of the pre and post test score is then conducted to determine whether or not (and to what degree) the youth's sexual thinking errors were decreased. A decrease in score, means improvement with the youth's thinking (healthier sexual attitudes and beliefs). This information is also an important consideration factor when determining the youth's aftercare needs and recommendations. The following scores were obtained:

<b>Pre and Post Test Score Averages:</b>	<b><u>Pre test Scores</u></b>	<b><u>Post test Scores</u></b>	<b><u>Overall Decrease</u></b>
➤ Victim	37.05	28.02	9.03
➤ Perpetrator	42.40	30.60	11.80
➤ Victim/Perpetrator	40.75	27.30	13.45

**Trauma Program Treatment Hours Completed:**

➤ Total Individual Therapy Hours:	780.75
➤ Average Individual Therapy Hours per Youth:	15.00
➤ Total Group Therapy Hours:	205.00
➤ Average Group Therapy Hours per Youth:	51.00

**Trauma Program Recidivism:**

- 6 youth that had previously completed the Trauma Program were recommitted to YRTC-K. Three of these youth returned as parole violators, while the other 3 returned as recommitments. Four of these youth had been previously identified as perpetrator/victims, while the other 2 youth were both victims. Of these 6 youth, none had relapsed by re-perpetrating or by being re-victimized.

**CONCLUSION:**

Significant numbers of youth continue to be positively served through YRTC-K's Trauma Program Services. The Trauma Program continues to provide a vital service for youth that have been negatively affected by traumatic events that they have experienced. These events have impacted their lives in ways that have encouraged maladaptive methods of coping, thinking, and acting. Values, beliefs, and attitudes become distorted and propel youth down a life path filled with pain and destruction. Trauma Program Services, in conjunction with YRTC-K's Youth Treatment Program, serves to provide each youth with the ability to alter this path and to lead themselves towards a new destination that will provide them with new opportunities to experience personal success.

**COMMENTS FROM YRTC-K YOUTH:**

- "I did not want to face my feelings about being sexually abused because of my shame, until I was helped to realize that it was not my fault."
- "At first, I was embarrassed to go to Trauma and worried about being teased. Now I am grateful for this help. It is making me a better person."
- "I didn't care about anyone but myself and justified my offending without any problem since I had learned to shut off my feelings and my conscience. Trauma helped me to understand that dealing with my feelings, learning to like and to accept myself, and having empathy for others were all my rights and responsibilities. It helped me to stop fearing and avoiding my feelings and my conscience."

# EDUCATION

*The Mission of YRTC-K's West Kearney High School is to provide each youth an environment to promote improved self-concept and awareness of himself and his surroundings, allowing him to develop academic and social skills strengthened through communication, cooperation, collaboration, customer service, and confidence that help youth have a better life.*

The 2004-2005 West Kearney High School (WKHS) academic year was productive for students and staff. WKHS continued as an accredited Special Purpose school through the Nebraska State Board of Education and an accredited Optional School through the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges. WKHS is also an institutional member of the Correctional Education Association. The school's staff, 23 teachers and the principal, all hold professional certificates from the Nebraska Department of Education. This school year the staff authored over 453 Individualized Educational Plans (IEP) and Education Plans. Our average daily student membership was 166 students.

## **GED/GRADUATES**

Forty students earned their General Equivalency Diplomas (GED) through a cooperative effort with Central Community College (CCC).

There were twelve GED graduations and four high school graduations. Parents of the graduates were invited and 56 family members were in attendance. YRTC-K staff was also present.

## **BASIC EDUCATION**

WKHS Basic Education teachers administered 294 Woodcock-Johnson achievement pre-tests to students. The Basic Ed teachers use the Woodcock-Johnson Psycho-Educational Battery-Revised. Ninety-seven post Woodcock-Johnson tests were administered by the WKHS staff. These post-tests were added to our on-going longitudinal student database. The 1686 student scores in the study indicate an 8.5 grade equivalency in reading and a 9.1 grade equivalency in math. The students in this post study average length of stay is 8.6 months. The students were enrolled more than four months and had not earned a high school degree or GED during their commitment.



**YRTC-K Youth  
receiving a High  
School Diploma**

## **TITLE I**

The WKHS Title I Neglected/Delinquent (N/D) project continued as a strong program component and served 238 students. These students demonstrated an average gain of 1.1 years in reading and 1.3 in math. The students also earned an average of 5.9 high school credits toward their high school diplomas. More importantly, the student's self concept and attitude toward school showed an improvement of 13.8 (SCAL) and 14.1 points (ATTS). Ms. Lyon, Title I teacher, and Mr. Kleidosty, Principal, continued to serve on the NDE Title N/D State Practitioners Committee.

The West Kearney High School Title I Parent Advisory meeting was held May 6, 2005. Parents of 7 students attended the meeting. The students were able to visit with their parents on the day of the conference. Parent/teacher conferences were held in the afternoon.

**“School has never been a strong point for my son, he has had some success with his Title Math and he is starting to learn in school”.**

Overall, the Basic Education component continues as the core of the academic program. The Basic Ed program/staff received excellent support from: Title I, Art, Math lab, Reading lab, Speech Path lab, Media Center, Family/Life Skills, Career Education, Health and Industrial Technology. The academic IEP is a component of each student's Individual Treatment Plan (ITP). The Basic Ed teachers serve as the lead staff on all student academic planning. Basic Ed teachers conducted five MDT/IEP conferences with parents this past year.

### **SPEECH LANGUAGE PROGRAM**

The Speech and Language program again proved to be a vital part of the student's total education program. There were 88 students referred to the Speech and Language Lab. There were 85 students tested with 74 students receiving services.

### **SCHOOL PROJECTS/SERVICES**

WKHS students and staff developed and participated in many fine projects throughout the year.

Mr. Witte's class participated in a monthly collecting/recycling of paper.

Fifty-seven students have taken the ASVAB test this past year with the help of Mrs. Smith and Mr. Kleidosty.

Art projects included Norris Chee, Navajo painter, as Artist in Residency. Upon Mr. Chee's completion, he presented West Kearney High with one of his paintings. Iron casting was another project the students completed along with MONA tours and story-telling workshops. Student art is regularly displayed in the school building.

A variety of guest speakers presented information to the students in Career Ed class on the opportunities available to them for their future goals. Mrs. Smith also took the youth on field trips to observe firsthand some of the employment that would be obtainable, i.e.: Central Community College, Work Force Development, and Career Opportunity Fair.

Mr. Schmidt's students restored 24 bicycles for the Christmas Goodfellows.

D1 students made decorations and displayed a Christmas tree at Trails and Rails Museum led by Mr. Myers and Mrs. Jorgensen.

A UNK speaker, provided by Mrs. Lyon, gave a presentation on the presidential candidate's stand on general issues and differences and similarities between the Republican and Democratic parties. Seven students voted by absentee ballot. John Kerry was YRTC-K youth choice for president.

Mr. Gress's building trades and woodworking classes have been helping at Habitat for Humanity and the Trails and Rails Museum.

Nine youth groups attended workshops and work projects at Rowe Sanctuary.

Lincoln groups spent a total of 26 hours at care homes and the Senior Center participating in recreation activities, work projects and holiday activities. These were led by Mrs. Davis, Ms. Harden and Ms. Jameson. They also attended a 5-hour class on "Pioneer Living" at Stuhr



Museum then cooked stew on a wood-burning stove, made homemade butter, shelled and ground corn to make cornbread, jelly from corn cobs, homemade dipping candles and cleaned up after pumping their own water.

One of the students remarked, **“After being involved in these off-campus activities, I would like to be more involved in them back home.”**

The students were exposed to theater by attending four Kearney Community Theatre plays this past year, “Jug”, “The Drawer Boy”, “Lion in Winter” and “Phantom of the Opera”. This was coordinated by Mrs. Thompson and Ms. Jameson.

IS&T provided 69 network computers for the students with the assistance of Mrs. Divan and Ms. Jarecki.

One UNK observation student had this to say about his duties at WKHS, **“The responsibility for learning is put at the foot of the students. The teachers are very patient in answering the multitude of questions from the students.”**

Mrs. Emrick, WKHS Staff Assistant I, added a new page on the West Kearney High School web site for the YRTC-Kearney 125th Celebration. The teachers are responsible for their individual subject area and are linked to the home page. This page has been linked to Nebraska HHS System-Juvenile Services and Nebraska Optional Schools-NCA. This can be viewed at [www.esu10.org/~westkrny/wkhshome.htm](http://www.esu10.org/~westkrny/wkhshome.htm)

### **SIGNIFICANT STAFF NEWS**

Mrs. Alice Kuhn retired June 3, 2005 after 22 years of service. Mrs. Brenda Lobner has been hired for the Reading Room teacher. While Mrs. Betty Jane Bower-Hansen is on active military duty in Iraq, Mr. John Ross is substituting for her basic education classes.

### **STAFF TRAINING**

WKHS staff participated in on/off campus staff development training totaling over 1000 hours. In addition to HHS/OJS mandatory training (First Aid, CPR, CPI, HIPPA, AIDS) some of the conferences/topics were: Nebraska Education Tech Conference; Nebraska Education Media Association; Nebraska Library Commission training; technology education; language impaired youth; special education updates and student strengths; Education Quest Foundation, Holocaust Conference, Comprehensive Text in Content Areas, Strategies in Vocabulary, Kearney Fire Training, Tools of Imagination, Reading Comprehension, HIV workshop.

When asked what they like best at WKHS, a teacher stated, **“I like being able to teach one on one and being able to reach kids that public schools have not been able to do in several attempts.”**

### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

The Nebraska Department of Education school accreditation process continued this year. WKHS single target goal is, “All students will demonstrate improvement in social skills”. These basic interpersonal social competencies allow students to initiate and maintain positive relationships with others. Mastering basic social skills give WKHS students a better chance of success in society (family, school, work and the community) and result in an improved self-concept.

Social skill topics enable the most basic of social behavioral expectations (respectful verbal and non-verbal communication as opposed to cussing, yelling, poor hygiene or offensive use of body space, etc.); simple conversational skills (greeting or introducing people, conducting a conversation, listening skill, etc.); application of skills to relationships (family, friends, on the job, etc.); and application to problem solving (including decision making, anger control and conflict resolution). WKHS administered over 2346 Social Skills pre/post tests to students since program inception. The average gains are as follows:

Basic Social Behavior Expectations	+1.21
Simple Conversations Skills	+1.36
Application of Skills to Relationships	+1.54
Application of Skills to Problem Solving	+1.40

The goal of the Steering Committee is to have students show a gain of .75 or better with this calculation indicating a far greater improvement in the area of social skills for WKHS students. Our current step in the school improvement process is the continuous training of staff in the areas of modeling through verbal and non-verbal communication. Also included in this phase is the implementation of these skills into the Individual Treatment Plans of the youth. The Steering Committee is currently preparing the report, which includes the parallel resources of youth IQ scores and youth's length of stay for comparison to the average gain as indicated by the Social Skills Inventory.

A state regulation became effective October 1, 2003 which requires schools to implement an emergency treatment plan called Emergency Response to Life-Threatening Asthma or Systemic Allergic Reactions (Anaphylaxis). The mission is to prevent deaths in schools from asthma or anaphylaxis through education, training and lifesaving medications. We have met the requirements for Rule 59. We have fourteen YRTC-K trained emergency responders. There will be at least one responder on campus during all hours of the day including weekends and holidays. All of the staff that have contact with the youth have been trained in Asthma, Anaphylaxis and the use of the Epi pen.

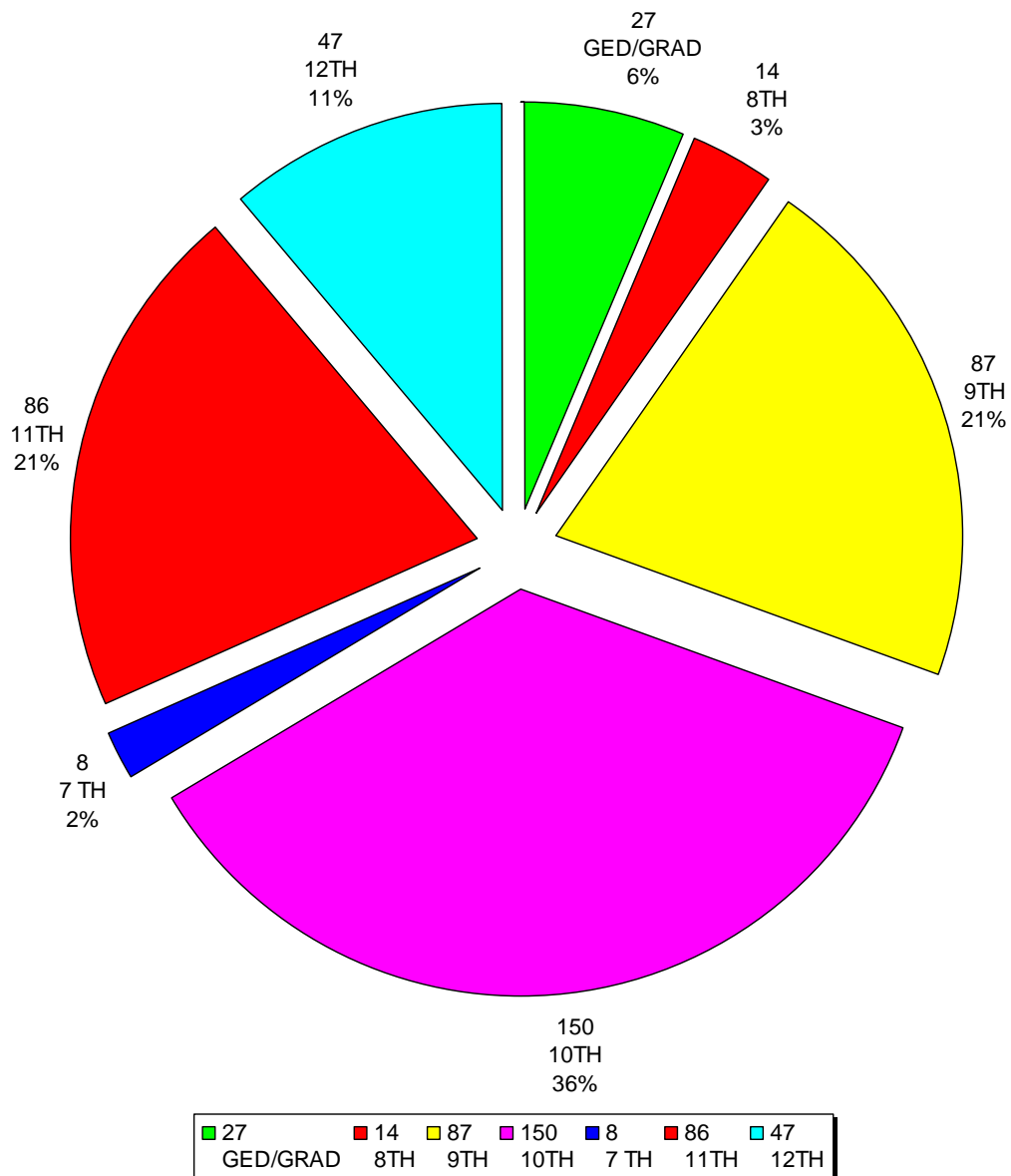
### **SUMMARY**

Overall, WKHS has continued to meet the students needs and to provide a unique and productive educational environment. We feel we have enabled our students to either return to their home school districts, enter post-secondary education, or join the labor force as confident readers, mathematicians, problem solvers; but more importantly, as productive and confident citizens. We have seen our students continue to enter WKHS-YRTC with a myriad of academic and emotional problems. We continue to see our rate of identified educational handicapped students at the 30-35% level. The staff continues to promote dedication, courage, and positive attitudes that enable over 80% of the students to "make it" in their personal lives. The staff worked well together to provide a good, quality education.



**YRTC-K Youth practicing electrical wiring in class.**

**2004/05 Commitments by Grade Level**  
**419 Total Commitments**



# RECREATION

*The Mission of the YRTC-K Recreation Department is to help youth live better lives through mental and physical growth through a wide range of physical activities and educational programs.*

## **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- ◆ Chain link fence has been added around softball team benches, and extended past first and third base lines. These additions finish the softball complex.
- ◆ The second floor strength and conditioning/ multi purpose area was painted, floor refinished and exercise and weight equipment re-upholstered,
- ◆ A new washer and dryer for the Recreation Department was purchased.
- ◆ A power gym floor vacuum was purchased.

## **INTRAMURAL SEASONS**

### **2004 YRTC-K SOFTBALL Champions – Lincoln 3**

- ◆ 25th Annual All-Star Softball game
- ◆ 56 games played

### **2004 FOOTBALL Champions – Creighton 3**

- ◆ 84 games played
- ◆ New game jerseys purchased

### **2004 VOLLEYBALL Champions – Bryant 3**

- ◆ 132 matches played

### **2005 BASKETBALL Champions – Bryant 3**

- ◆ 27<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Star game
- ◆ 130 games played
- ◆ 10 games vs. area middle schools and amateur teams.

### **2005 SOCCER Champions – Bryant 3**

- ◆ 35 games played.

### **2005 BEACH VOLLEYBALL Champions – Creighton 3**

- ◆ 66 matches played

## **OPEN RECREATION PARTICIPATION**

### **Open Recreation Participation**

- ◆ 2004-05 total – 2,755 groups
- ◆ Monthly group average – 229 groups
- ◆ Daily group average – 7.42

### **Release Youth Participation**

- ◆ 2004-05 total – 844 youth
- ◆ Monthly average – 70
- ◆ Daily average – 3

### **Total Program participation including P.E. classes**

- ◆ 2004-05 total – 53,428 youth
- ◆ Monthly average – 4,452 youth
- ◆ Daily average – 144 youth

### **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

President's Challenge fitness test

- ◆ 5 Presidential winners
- ◆ 32 National winners

### **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Throughout the 2004/05 fiscal year 1,788 YRTC-K youth provided 38 local organizations with 3,370 labor hours of service. If the current minimum wage is used, the youth volunteered \$17,355 to community organizations.

- ◆ The YRTC's partnership with the Rowe Sanctuary continued for a second consecutive year in helping upgrade their facilities. Nine YRTC-K groups helped with projects throughout the sanctuary.
- ◆ One group provided labor for Yanney Park during the year.
- ◆ YRTC-K groups fulfilled their obligation by walking the YRTC road "Adopt-A-Road" on eight separate occasions. Other area roads were walked 12 times by YRTC-K youth groups. One youth group also walked with the Noon Lions Club on their Adopt-A-Road east of Kearney.
- ◆ The Kearney High Booster Club utilized Wimberley Gymnasium as one of the sites for their annual basketball tournaments. YRTC-K served as statisticians and clock operators. There was \$300 deposited in the Youth Welfare Fund due to this activity.
- ◆ Mr. Basketball donated 8 basketballs following tournaments during the year and also provided entry for 3 YRTC-K groups at the annual Mr. Basketball Tournament held in July.
- ◆ The local Salvation Army again provided gifts for parents of YRTC-K youth at Christmas time. Volunteers helped youth choose and wrap gifts to be sent home. This is the 30th year for this activity. Local volunteers also donated Christmas cards and stamps for youth to send to family.
- ◆ YRTC again provided staff and release youth to ring the bell for the Salvation Army kettles at K-Mart. This was the 34th year for this effort.
- ◆ YRTC-K provided the Wimberley Swimming Pool for the Kearney Volunteer Fire Department Dive Team on two occasions during the year. They also allowed a YRTC-K group to observe their practice.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE/COLLABORATION/ACTIVITIES

*The primary goal of the YRTC-K youth community service/activities program is to enable youth to return volunteer service as a part of the restorative justice concept. All YRTC-K youth are led by staff in service projects throughout the year. The second goal of the YRTC-K service program is to collaborate with the Kearney community whenever possible to strengthen long standing partnership, i.e., UNK, KVFD, City of Kearney. Thirdly, our staff has a long running commitment of service to the Kearney community, which continues to expand. The following are examples of youth and staff service:*

## **UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY**

The relationship between UNK and YRTC-K was again productive for both institutions. The UNK Student Activities Staff actively pursued YRTC-K youth to include them in UNK campus activities. YRTC youth assist in each event's preparation when possible, but many times are invited to enjoy themselves as spectators.

Following are more examples of the partnership's benefits.

- ◆ 43 YRTC youth groups attended UNK wrestling meets and football, basketball, & volleyball games as well as concerts held at the Health and Fitness Center. Groups cleaned up following twenty of the events.
- ◆ For the ninth year YRTC groups have been involved in the set up and tear down of the UNK Blue-Gold Day at the beginning of the fall semester. Three YRTC groups participated in this celebration by working and then taking part in the food and activities offered.
- ◆ Eight YRTC groups provided 24 hours of work helping with wrestling camps sponsored by the UNK Wrestling Team.

## **GRAND ISLAND VETERAN'S HOME**

- ◆ The YRTC-K - Grand Island Veteran's partnership in 2004-05 on eleven days provided labor in light maintenance and grounds work.
- ◆ GIVH also recognized YRTC-K at their Annual Volunteer Recognition Program in July 2005.

## **BOY SCOUTS AND CAMP AUGUSTINE**

The YRTC-K has been providing work for the Boy Scouts at Camp Augustine as the partnership is in its third year. During 2004-05 YRTC-K groups provided four days of labor at the camp including grounds work and setting up camping areas. In return 4 groups were able to take part in the low rope course at the camp and one group was able to utilize the high rope course for the first time. A YRTC-K group also helped with the Boy Scout's annual food drive on one Saturday.



## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **New Partnerships for 2004-05**

- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups helped set up and clean following the Cinco de Mayo celebration held at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds. The groups were also allowed to participate in the activities at the celebration.
- ◆ 1 YRTC-K group helped with a project at the Bethphage Mission in Axtell, NE.
- ◆ YRTC-K groups provided labor for the construction of the "Press On Youth Center" building in south Kearney. Five groups performed projects such as digging sod and spreading sand and dirt around the foundation.
- ◆ YRTC-K groups helped individuals move for the Mid-Nebraska Community Action project. In return the area (RYDE) transportation service provided transportation for the entire campus to the "Pond" skating rink over the holidays and the KHS track for the annual track meet. This kind of partnership is very valuable to the youth and staff at YRTC-K.
- ◆ One YRTC-K group helped unload hay bales for the "I Believe in Me Ranch".

### **Continuing Partnerships**

- ◆ 4 YRTC-K groups set up for concerts held at MONA in downtown Kearney.
- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups helped set up and tear down for the Prince of Peace Catholic Church' Fall Festival.
- ◆ 4 YRTC-K groups helped wrap gifts at the local Wal-Mart Store over the holidays. The store provided many baskets of Holiday food for our youth to consume.
- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups cleaned the approach road and area around the Kearney City Land Fill.
- ◆ 1 YRTC group helped with general cleaning and organizing at the Kearney Goodwill Store during their school vacations.
- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups helped out at the Kearney YMCA and were rewarded in return by being invited to utilize the YMCA's facility.
- ◆ 4 youth helped with the Jubilee Center's annual can drive.
- ◆ 16 truckloads of clothing bales were loaded by 16 YRTC groups for the Salvation Army. One other group helped the Salvation Army by packing food baskets for Christmas delivery, peeling donated potatoes and general cleaning.
- ◆ 4 YRTC-K groups helped move furniture for various agencies such as Workforce Development and the Mediation Center.



**YRTC-K youth enjoy a motivational visit from the Crane Basketball Team.**

- ◆ 1 YRTC group spent 8 hours helping the Trails and Rails Museum decorate for the Christmas holiday.
- ◆ 1 YRTC group and 3 release youth helped with the Kearney Community Thanksgiving dinner at the Knights of Columbus. This was the seventh year for Lincoln Living Unit to donate their assistance.
- ◆ 8 YRTC groups helped clean up the fairgrounds after such events as the Cattleman's Classic, Kiwanis pancake feed, and Nebraska Poultry Association.



- ◆ The area Antique organization again provided a holiday pizza meal for YRTC-K youth remaining on campus during Christmas furlough in return for the 4 groups that set up and tore down exhibits at the Buffalo County Fairgrounds throughout the year. This is the fifth year for this partnership.

**YRTC-K youth help serve Thanksgiving dinner at the Senior Hospitality Center.**

- ◆ 8 YRTC groups visited and helped at area care centers and assisted living settings as well as the Area Agency on Aging.
- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups helped with the Elks Hoop Shoot held in January. This was the 10th year YRTC helped with this event. One youth group helped with the Elks Soccer Shootout held in September.
- ◆ 3 YRTC-K groups worked 2 full days at Mid-Nebraska Community Services moving clients and other tasks.
- ◆ 2 YRTC groups helped clean up for the Kearney Fire Department's Annual Pancake Feed.
- ◆ 2 YRTC-K groups helped set up and clean following a local law enforcement officer's retirement banquet.

### **ENTERTAINMENT AND RECREATION IN THE COMMUNITY**

- ◆ 29 YRTC groups attended activities at the Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA).
- ◆ 2 YRTC groups went on over night camping trips to Ft. Kearny and the Windmill State Recreation Area near Gibbon.
- ◆ 84 barbecues and/or meals prepared by living units were held on the YRTC campus.
- ◆ 77 groups went on one-day outings such as fishing, bird watching, etc.
- ◆ 5 YRTC groups attended concerts at KHS sponsored by the Kearney Community Concert Association.
- ◆ 2 YRTC groups attended the Buffalo County Career Fair held at the Ramada Inn.

- ◆ 25 YRTC-K groups went on nature walks in the Kearney area.
- ◆ For the sixth year, a local businessperson donated YRTC youth admission to the Rotary Travel and Adventure series held at Kearney High School. Five groups were able to take advantage of this generosity.

### **VOLUNTEERISM**

- ◆ Daylight Donuts donated 222 trays of donuts during the year.
- ◆ The Gideons provided Bibles for YRTC youth on two occasions.

### **YOUTH/STAFF QUOTES**

- ◆ "I enjoyed playing basketball this year. It was fun playing with my group."
- ◆ "The youth seemed to really enjoy the sports that you guys put together."
- ◆ "That was the first time I was able to run the mile without stopping."
- ◆ "The new softball fence is a great addition to the YRTC-K."



**YRTC-K youth are challenged by the hay bail maze on an educational field trip.**



**YRTC-K youth set up their booths for the Head Start Carnival.**

# MEDICAL

*The Mission of the YRTC-K Medical department is to provide effective, comprehensive professional health care services for every youth by qualified medical personnel to help youth live better lives.*

Medical personnel met HHS Licensure requirements and are governed by written job descriptions approved by the contracted physician and HHS Medical Director.

The medical personnel include one full-time RN and two full-time LPNs. Daily sick calls are held so youth can report any problems. Comprehensive health care services are provided from admission through discharge.

Access to health care is explained to all youth. All youth are screened on an individual basis. An intake screening form is used by orientation unit staff at the time of commitment. Information from this form alerts staff to any immediate problems. A nurse completes a comprehensive nursing assessment with each youth within seven days of arrival. A physical is done for each youth within fourteen days unless records show one was done within 90 days. The contracted physician comes one day per week and if treatment is needed between physician visits, arrangements are made and the youth is transported to his or her local office.

The contracted part-time dentist or hygienist also sees each new youth within seven to fourteen days and as needed. Outside referrals are made as needed.

Medical information is also requested through a questionnaire sent to all parents/guardians. Immunizations are updated according to state law.

The training officer or medical personnel give training to all staff. Special medical needs training is done as needed.

Medical staff arrange for all levels of health care to ensure comprehensive quality care for each youth.



Dental Care Services	Fiscal Year 03-04	Fiscal Year 04-05
Youth Seen	919	840
Procedures Done	3106	2880

<b>Nursing/Medical Care Services</b>	<b>03-04</b>	<b>04-05</b>
Youth Exams	5,426	4,699
Staff Exams	173	206
Adult Inmate Exams	10	3
Immunizations	257	292
STD Testing	155	144
HIV Testing	113	106
Miscellaneous Lab	38	61
Nursing Assessments	451	439
X-ray	41	39
Urine Drug Screens	69	80



**RN Kim Frink and LPN Mary Reed**

<b>Physician Medical Care Services</b>	<b>03-04</b>	<b>04-05</b>
Youth Physicals	445	418
Exams	218	276
Surgeries	4	7
Opthamology Referrals	110	89
Orthopedic Referrals	23	21
Emergency room	14	15
Miscellaneous Referrals*	65	153



**Dental Hygienist Karen Seim**

\* Includes X-ray, dermatology, podiatry, oral surgeries, private physicians, etc.



# FOOD SERVICE

***The Mission of the YRTC-K Food Service department is to provide each youth a high quality and nutritionally well balanced meal which is attractively served in a safe, pleasant and clean environment.***

The Food Service department served 174,698 youth meals and 16,356 staff meals for a total of 191,054 meals served during 2004/05. The average cost was \$1.17 per meal or \$3.51 per day. On special holidays, such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, youth and their family are encouraged to enjoy a traditional meal at YRTC-K. This year there were 191 family members sharing Thanksgiving dinner and 67 family members sharing Christmas dinner. Twenty-seven GED cakes were furnished to living units for youth successfully completing their GED tests. Two hundred five Birthday cakes were made for youth celebrating birthdays with their group. One hundred and forty nine special activities involving the Food Service Department were requested, such as picnics, camp outs, and special cooking projects. There was 47,761 pounds of meat consumed, which averages 3.9 ounces per meal. USDA commodity assistance was \$27,814.85 which averages \$.14 per meal.

The Food Service Department has 10 full time employees and one 20 hour employee that includes: one Food Service Director, two Food Service Specialists and 7.5 Food Service Cooks. Of the Food Service Cooks, 2.5 train and supervise the youth performing dish and utensil cleaning. The staff ensures proper sanitation standards are being observed as evidenced by continued high marks from the State Health Inspector. The Food Service Department continues to produce high quality homemade type meals. Youth comment on how good the food is and how they will miss it when they leave.

**Comments from YRTC-K youth and staff:**

**“A good variety of dishes are on the menu. The nutritional needs of the youth, as well as food preferences are considered in every meal.”...Staff**

**“I think the food is good and better than my cooking and better than fast food.”...Youth**



**Food Service Cook Linda Heapy and Food Service Specialist Errol Adams**



# MINISTERIAL

*The Mission of the YRTC-K Ministerial Program is to provide information, programming, and counseling for all youth who request services to assist them in strengthening their spiritual lives to encourage them to lead better lives.*

In carrying out this mission, the first step is to interview each new YRTC-K youth to determine where they are religiously and to see how we may be of assistance to them. This year, 351 new youths were interviewed.

There was a total of 2,756 youth that attended the voluntary church services throughout the year. This is an average of 53 per Sunday.

Two voluntary Bible studies are available to the youth each week. Adult volunteers lead the evening Bible Studies. The total number of youth attending the Bible studies was 703. This is an average of 14.6 youths attending each week.

At the youth's request, the Chaplain is available for personal counseling. During the year 163 youth requested and received personal spiritual counseling.

The Chaplain is also available to the staff for personal or spiritual counseling. During the year, there was a number of staff counseling opportunities.

There are volunteers who assist in the spiritual ministry. There is presently one volunteer who participates on a regular basis, and others who are available to assist on special occasions. There were 88 hours of volunteer time donated during the year.

There were a total of 72 youth baptized by the Chaplain from July of 2004 through June of 2005.

During this past year there were 10 special chapel and church services.

1. The 1733 Barbershop Chorus presented Gospel Music in Barbershop Style in the Sunday morning church service, and was warmly received by the youth. 7-25-04
2. Scott Daniel, from Mission Nebraska, led a Youth Seminar for the youth, with four sessions, two on Friday Evening at 4 and 7 o'clock, one on Saturday morning, and the Church Service Sunday Morning. There was a total of 110 youth that attended the four sessions. Sept. 24-26
3. Linda Dornhoff, of Kearney, shared her life story with the youth in the two Bible Studies on October 13. Linda, through the help of God, overcame an abusive, homeless childhood to become a successful businesswoman and sales lady. There was a total of 43 youth that attended the two sessions. 10-13-05
4. Father McDonald of Prince of Peace Catholic Church, conducted a special Christmas Eve Service in the afternoon, and the Chaplain led in a Sing-along and presentation of the Christmas Story on Christmas Eve. 12-24-05
5. James Wilson, the founder of "Press On" youth ministries, shared his life story in the morning Church Service, January 2. Jim is a former Juvenile Offender whose life has been changed by the power of God. 1-2-05
6. Scott Daniel of Mission, Nebraska, returned for the two Bible Studies on Thursday, February 10th. His purpose was to follow up on the Seminar, which he presented to the youth in September. 2-10-05



7. Jim Wilson returned on Sunday morning, May 17 to conduct the morning Service in the absence of the Pastor.
8. Dr. Gene Howard spoke to the youth in Church on Sunday, June 12. Gene impersonates John Wayne, and uses this as a way to reach youth. He was well received by the youth. 6-12-05
9. Jeffery Johnson presented a gospel message to the youth, by using illusions, or magic tricks to present the Gospel. 6-17-05
10. While Dr. Roberto Dansie was on campus serving as a consultant, he conducted a chapel service for the youth. He presented a guitar to the youth at YRTC-K. Since then three different youths have used the guitar to accompany songs in the Sunday Services. 2-22-05

#### COMMENTS FROM YRTC-K YOUTH:

**“When I came to Kearney I hated religion mostly because my family pressured it on me most of my life so maybe I just rebelled. Now that I’m here I’ve attended church and some Bible studies. My parents are still a little pushy but now I am open to the idea and don’t have to listen to anybody’s reasons for believing but mine.”** A2 youth

**“The church here at YRTC has helped me a lot in my 6 months here. It has given me new ways to approach certain situations and new ways of looking at life and I thank God and Pastor Valdois. . .”** W3 Youth

#### 2004/05 Religious Preference

Total Youth Commitments: 419

Assembly	1
Baptist	29
Catholic	82
Christian	106
Episcopal	1
Freedom	1
Jehovah	2
Witness	
Jewish	1
Lutheran	10
Methodist	9
Mormon	1
Muslim	5
Native	8
American	
No Preference	152
Pentecostal	4
Presbyterian	2
Protestant	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>419</b>



**YRTC-K Chapel**

# FINANCE AND SUPPORT

## BUSINESS OFFICE

*The mission of the YRTC-Kearney Finance & Support Office is to provide effective budget, financial, and support services for YRTC-K staff and youth.*

As part of Health and Human Services, Finance and Support, the business office continued to ensure effective services in the following areas: budgeting and financial operations accounting, financial responsibility (trust/welfare funds), purchasing, supply and fixed asset management, human resources and other support services.

### **BUDGET & FINANCIAL OPERATIONS ACCOUNTING**

YRTC-K's annual budget for the 2004-2005 year was \$8,344,012. Additionally we were able to carryover \$587,284 from the prior fiscal year (03-04) to bring our total allotment for the fiscal year to \$8,931,296 an overall increase of \$511,215. The annual allotment status break down by fund was as follows:

Fund	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
General	\$7,501,239	\$7,910,076
Cash	\$ 386,363	\$ 408,486
Federal	\$ 532,479	\$ 612,733
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,420,081</b>	<b>\$8,931,296</b>

Funds were distributed in the following categories:

	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Personal Services	\$6,714,297	\$6,675,395
Operations	\$1,680,820	\$2,257,852
Travel	\$24,964	\$7,151
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$5,200

YRTC-K recorded 582 receipts totaling \$127,783, significant sources of income for the fiscal year were:

Restitution & Child Support:	\$ 3,113
Donations:	\$ 1,058
Meal ticket sales:	\$ 3,838
Alfalfa cuttings:	\$ 2,315
Farm Lease:	\$34,000
Canteen sales:	\$53,561

Expenditures of funds, as per the June '05 budget status reports, included:

	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Personal Services	\$6,207,792	\$6,483,461
Operations	\$1,645,319	\$1,616,292
Travel	\$8,132	\$12,001
Equipment	\$36,474	\$38,476

Major purchases during this year were: Kardex filing system for administration area, 2003 12-passenger van, computer equipment, laser colored printer and network printers for school area, carpeting for Administration remodel project, supplies for Administration renovation project, security radios, fence for softball field, upholstery of weight machine benches, ice machine for dining room area, Dunage storage racks for the Food Service Area. Our office prepared a total of 5,455 payment documents this past year.

### **FEDERAL GRANTS**

YRTC-K is responsible for the processing of quarterly and annual reporting of federal grants for YRTC-K as well as budgeting and reporting information for the Title I Grant for YRTC-Kearney, YRTC-Geneva and Lincoln Regional Center's Morton School. Applications were processed, submitted and approved for funding for 11 federal grants.

- ◆ Title I Grant \$ 122,839 (through 9/04)
- ◆ Title I Grant \$ 116,947 (through 9/05)
- ◆ Vocational Education Grant \$47,500 (through 6/05)
- ◆ Vocational Education Grant \$46,000 (through 6/06)
- ◆ Special Ed Grant \$40,000 (through 9/04)
- ◆ Special Ed Grant \$50,000 (through 9/05)
- ◆ Title V ESEA – Part A \$2,713 (through 9/04)
- ◆ Title V – NCLB - \$2,167 (through 9/05)
- ◆ Title II A – NCLB - \$1,149 (through 9/05)
- ◆ NE Arts Grant - \$1,892 (through 6/15/05)
- ◆ NE Arts Grant – Norris Chee - \$2,340 (through 5/27/05)

### **FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY – TRUST & WELFARE FUND**

YOUTH TRUST FUND	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Beginning Balance	\$5,600	\$6,087
Total Revenue Received	\$87,964	\$70,919
Disbursements	\$87,529	\$72,029
Checks Written	1006	978
Ending Balance	\$6,087	\$4,977
Interest Earned	\$9	\$10
Reimbursed Damages	\$1,898	\$2,057
Checks to Canteen	\$46,237	\$39,038

WELFARE FUND	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Beginning Balance	\$22,802	\$24,030
Revenue	\$1,666	\$2,990
Donations	\$1,175	\$908
Transfer of Canteen Profits	\$8,955	Not transferred until August 2005
Disbursements	\$10,570	\$18,202
Ending Balance	\$24,030	\$9,727

The welfare fund funded youth holiday gifts, colored laser printer, network printers for school areas, Artist in Residence programs, entrance fees to local community programs, i.e. Community Concert, Dancing Leaf Lodge, Champion Sports, I-Max Theater, membership and usage fee for the Overland Trails Boy Scout Camp at Camp Augustine in Grand Island, NE, video rentals and miscellaneous pet supplies.

### **PURCHASING**

All orders for supplies and equipment are placed through our office, with proper tracking throughout the process up to delivery date. We began processing service contracts through NIS procurement function in July 2004; this phase of the modules has gone very smoothly with just a few bumps that first month. Our staff attended training for purchasing of commodities for both HHS YRTC-Kearney and for State Building Division. We began using the NIS procurement function for commodity purchases as of January 1, 2005. This process utilizes state contracts, therefore any item that is on contract must be run through the NIS system. For non-contract items, the NIS system only has to be used if orders are in excess of \$2,000. We elected to run some of our larger purchase orders for non-contract items through the NIS system although not required. Using the NIS system to generate these large orders eliminates the need to submit the over \$500 report for direct purchases on a monthly basis. Use of the NIS system to generate orders also enables State Purchasing to watch contract usage and purchasing trends.

During the next fiscal year the Canteen operator will be trained to enter the Canteen's purchase orders directly into NIS and the Warehouse personnel will be trained to receive orders through NIS, this will alleviate some of the work currently being done by the Staff Assistant, and also reduce redundancy.

	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Materiel Requests for Purchase	1325	1428

We had a total of 59 purchase orders over the \$500 limit during this fiscal year. These purchases included educational supplies (books, steel), plasma cutter, chairs and two desks for teachers for the education area. Chain link fencing (softball field), sweeper / vacuum, splash goal, lifeguard chair, two Airdyne bikes, washer and dryer for the gym area. Flag pole, lateral filing system, construction & maintenance supplies for Administration remodel project, and carpet for Administration remodel project. Titan S Scaler for dental office. Tables, cubbies, bucket chairs, book shelves, refrigerators (2) for the living units. Chest freezer, ice machine and Dunage racks for the Food Service Area. Youth clothing and CPI workbooks, a maintenance cart, and hauling surplus equipment to Lincoln.

### **Supply Inventories and Fixed Asset Management**

Inventory control records are maintained on all stock items in the warehouse and food service operation. Records are updated and adjusted monthly throughout the fiscal year. Our staff also attended NIS training on the Supply Inventory Modules of NIS. The NIS Inventory module supplied us with an understanding of the skills necessary to establish and conduct a supply inventory and the procurement of stock items. The inventory transaction portion of the course provided the necessary training to issue, transfer and adjust stock quantities, reverse transactions, and inquire on "real time" stock availability. We are currently slated to bring this function of NIS into the "live" stages early next fiscal year.

Warehouse Inventory	FY 03-04	FY 05-04
Items on Inventory	306	296
Value of Ending Inventory	\$52,355	\$45,856

Food Service Inventory	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Items on Inventory	493	354
Value of Ending Inventory	\$32,498	\$29,915

Equipment Inventory	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Items on Inventory	58	67
Value of Ending Inventory	\$328,996	\$338,208

### **SUPPORT DUTIES:**

The Finance and Support team also provides support to many miscellaneous areas including:

### **Vehicle Coordination**

Vehicle transportation is essential to YRTC-K for the transportation of youth and staff to activities, meetings and appointments. The Finance and Support staff work with the Transportation Service Bureau and Health & Human Services vehicle coordinators to

ensure the facility has enough vehicles to meet our needs. In addition, we work with the University, borrowing their vans when additional transportation is needed during special events. The YRTC-K maintenance staff maintains vehicles and coordinates travel plans for a TSB motor vehicle pool in Kearney for state employees within the area.

	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Total Miles Driven	32,709	31,972
Accidents	2	0

### **YOUTH CALLING SYSTEM (YCS)**

The Youth Calling System service is supplied by AT&T. There were 1,261 completed phone calls during fiscal year 2004-2005.

### **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & SUPPORT (IS&T)**

Three departments, Administration (Staff Assistant II), Education (Media Specialist) and Finance and Support (Business Manager) share this area of support and we continue to make great strides in this area. This past year we were able to purchase 16 new computers for staff and 2 new computers were purchased for youth usage. We also received 15 new computers through the HHS quarterly replacement plan.

Staff Assistant, Ms. Jarecki and Media Specialist, Ms. Divan, worked diligently with Information Systems and Technology (IS & T) to develop a student network system for the youth. We also received an additional 69 used computers from HHS IS&T to be used for student network.

We continue to suggest to HHS IS&T that they consider putting a full-time IS & T person at our facility with the increased staff computers and student network that is now in place.

We continue to receive computer support from IS& T for repairs, upgrades, and installations.



**Staff Assistant Lindsey Eads**



**Youth make a delivery to the Canteen**

# FINANCE AND SUPPORT

## HUMAN RESOURCE

*The mission of the YRTC-Kearney Human Resource and Development area is to promote a diverse, skilled productive workforce and provide support to YRTC-K staff where everyone is valued, respected, and treated fairly.*

FTE Authorized 146.60 positions - 167 employees (As of 6/30/05 – per NIS)

PROFILE of an average YRTC-K employee:

- 74% Male - 26% Female
- 96.4% White, 2.4% Hispanic, 1.2% Black
- 44 years of age
- 10 years of service
- Average Salary \$30,194

During 2004 – 2005 we had the following movement in employment

<b>YRTC-Kearney</b>	<b>FY 03-04</b>	<b>FY 04-05</b>
Hired	31	24
Temps Hired	11	9
Retirement	2	1
Resigned	21	19
Terminated	7	4
Promoted/ Transferred	12	5
Demoted/ voluntary & involuntary	2	0
Staff Turnover	25%	20%

<b>YRTC-Kearney – Finance &amp; Support Positions</b>	<b>FY 03-04</b>	<b>FY 04/05</b>
Hired	2	1
Retired	1	0
Resigned	1	0
Promoted/ Transferred	1	0



The .50 FTE Human Resource Officer position was upgraded to a 1.0 FTE in October 2004, with this improvement in FTE the workload has also increased, due to policy and procedural changes in HHSS Human Resources area. All new employees were trained on campus from Health and Human Services, Human Resources and Development, Training Coordinator. The Human Resource Officer provided pre-service orientation training on human resources rules and regulations, payroll and benefits to each new employee.

The Human Resource area focused on recruitment this year by enrolling in three different job fairs, creating new newspaper advertisements, working directly with the University of Nebraska-Kearney and the local Nebraska Work Force Development office. Employment applications and security checks were accepted and processed on potential employees, interns and volunteers.

	<b>FY 03-04</b>	<b>FY 04-05</b>
Applications Received	357	288
NCIC Security Checks Completed	56	62
Drug Testing	New policy – no data kept	35

In addition Child / Adult abuse neglect registries, Sex Offender Registry, Justice System and Federal Bureau of Prisons and DMV records on each potential employee.

#### **Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Commitment**

The Nebraska Health and Human Services (HHS) System is dedicated to creating and sustaining a unified, accessible, caring, and competent health and human service entity. This dedication translates into an understanding that all persons are entitled to work and advance on the basis of qualifications and competence, to be treated with dignity and respect, and to be free from discrimination on the basis of race, religion, national origin, disability, color, sex, age, or marital status. Equal employment opportunity and affirmative action are integral parts of our daily operations.

In an effort to foster good labor relations, the Administrator, Assistant Administrator and Business Manager Eirich meet quarterly with representatives from NAPE; to discuss labor/management issues to cultivate good labor relations.

#### **Benefits**

The annual Open Enrollment for Insurance Benefit changes was held from October 12 – November 21, 2004 with the effective date for coverage January 1, 2005. There were many new plans and options offered this year, Mutual of Omaha and Tricare were added as health insurance benefits to the already popular Blue Cross Blue Shield. Minimal cost increases were seen in the health and dental plans.

This year the State implemented the new Employee self-service through NIS for online benefit enrollment. Many hours were spent by the entire business office staff assisting employees with entering their personal information as well as insurance changes in the NIS system. Time was also spent with each employee to explain how to use the

Employee Self-service for other options, such as viewing pay stubs and leave balances.

The YRTC-K Finance & Support team provided informational question and answer periods by attending all team meetings in most departments or by visiting their work site to ensure all employees had the necessary information needed to make good decisions when completing their open enrollment options.

#### **Payroll / Leave Management / Timekeeping**

We continue to receive HR / Payroll support from the staff at the Hastings Regional Center. Our main communication with them is through e-mail and phone and works fairly well. We have developed a good rapport with the HRC HR Department and they readily share their knowledge with us, as we also share our knowledge with them.

The YRTC-K Finance & Support staff are also timekeepers for the first and second shift security staff. We are also responsible for ensuring timesheets are distributed on a bi-weekly basis and verification of all computer entries by all facility timekeepers. This past year, we have worked with HRC to develop a database to keep track of all leave balances. This is updated on a bi-weekly basis.

#### **Tuition Assistance**

Tuition Assistance was available for all Health and Human Services System employees during FY 2004-2005. We had a total of six employees apply for tuition assistance during this year.

#### **Employee Accident Reports and Tort Claims**

	<b>FY 03-04</b>	<b>FY 04-05</b>
Tort Claims Approved	1	2

- ◆ 2 Tort Claims filed by employees – Clothing ruined while intervening with a youth - \$55.00 and \$44.00

	<b>FY 03-04</b>	<b>FY 04-05</b>
Accident Reports Filed	16	9

- ◆ Education Department - 2 reports - tailbone and knee injury due to falls all done while working in classroom.
- ◆ Security Department - 4 reports - fractured arm, bruised thumb, knee injury, dislocated thumb all incurred while recreating /working with youth, intervening with youth. These injuries resulted in 3 employees being assigned to light duty for a period of 1 month to 4 months at this time. One employee remains on light duty.
- ◆ Food Service Department – 1 report – back injury due to lifting
- ◆ Maintenance Department – 2 reports shoulder injuries.

Three employees were off work due to their accidents this year. All were from Security Unit staff- 1 – broken arm – 6 weeks, 1 dislocated thumb – 6-8 weeks, and knee injury – 3 months at this time. The employee with the knee injury continues to be off as his corrective surgery did not go as well as planned. It is unknown at this time when he will be able to resume his normal work schedule.

#### **2004 Service Awards**

YRTC-K staff completing 10 years or more of service with the State of Nebraska were recognized for service at the Nebraska State Employee Recognition Ceremony in Grand Island in October 2003. Additionally, staff completing 5 years or more of service with YRTC-K were recognized at the annual YRTC-K Christmas party in December 2003.

##### **❖ Years of Service**

- ❖ 30 Years – Keith Scheidies – YC I
- ❖ 20 Years - Marv Carr – YC I  
Mike Haberlan – YC I  
Brett Hansen – Food Service Specialist  
Dan Lyon – Youth Security Specialist II  
Irv Nelson – Facility Maintenance Specialist  
Robin Smith – Warehouse  
Harold Wick – Stationary Engineer I  
Mary Tatum – Food Service Director  
Morris Van Vleet – Teacher
- ❖ 15 Years - Ken Barth – Youth Security Specialist I  
Joe Mendoza – Youth Security Specialist II  
Micky Stagemeyer – YC I
- ❖ 10 Years - Jennifer Harden – Teacher  
Cindy Krolikowski – YC I  
Dan Myers – Teacher
- ❖ 5 Years - Ilene Anson – Teacher  
Darry Burton – Housekeeping / Custodial  
Linda Heapy – Food Service Cook  
Russell McCartney – Youth Security Specialist I  
Kevin Quail – Facility Maintenance Technician  
Dusty Trosper – YC I  
Linda Veeder – Food Service Cook

### **Employee / Manager of the Year**

Jolene Jarecki & Cindy Krolikowski – YRTC-K Employee of the Year and HHS Employee of the Year

Steve Reeves – Facility Maintenance Superintendent – YRTC-K Manager of the Year

### **Employee Recognition:**

YRTC-K also recognizes employees for their service throughout the year in accordance with HHS employee recognition program

- ◆ Robin Smith – Water rights/ farm assistance / 125<sup>th</sup> celebration - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ Rosalie McCurry, Jolene Jarecki, Deb Eirich – Western States Conference - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks each
- ◆ Brian Farrar – Haunted House - \$30.00 Buffalo bucks
- ◆ Sue Divan – GED Coordination - \$30.00 Buffalo bucks
- ◆ Derek Brown – Corrections Article - \$30.00 Buffalo bucks
- ◆ John Murphy – Rowe Sanctuary and 125<sup>th</sup> celebration - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ Karla Smith – ASVAB Project - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ Jeff Hunting – Landscaping and grass projects - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ Shawna Erbsen, Deb Murrish, Lindsey Eads – Open enrollment - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ Jolene Jarecki & Cindy Krolikowski – Employee of the Year - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ Steve Reeves – Manager of the Year - \$30.00 Buffalo Bucks
- ◆ Employee recognition Month – all employees were given coupons for 1 free bag of popcorn in the Canteen
- ◆ Employee of the Year – Cindy Krolikowski was awarded a \$500 bonus for HHS employee of the Year.

Mr. O'Dea also recognized individual employees for good deeds, special projects, anything above and beyond the normal duties of their positions with YRTC polo shirts.



**Youth Counselors John Dutton and Marvin Carr**



**SBO/Receptionist Nancy Widdowson**

# **FINANCE AND SUPPORT**

## **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

*The purpose of Human Resources and Development is to provide an on-going single delivery system of staff development, in order to bring about staff behavioral changes and to allow staff to acquire new knowledge in the area of delinquency control, prevention and treatment with the ultimate goal of enabling every youth the opportunity to succeed upon their release.*

The Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center in Kearney training department prepares new employees by classroom instruction and job site observation on YRTC-K programs. The objective of Pre-service training is to familiarize with programs available to the youth on campus. The department also allows current employees to sharpen acquired skills and to review facility policies. The department uses several employees to aid in classroom training. Staff Assistant II Jarecki has developed and taught Computer Basics to new and current employees. Youth Security Specialist II Farrar helped in teaching Security and Control in Pre-service training. Youth Security Supervisor Stevens was certified to teach CPR and First Aid which enables the third shift staff to train during their shift. Having additional instructors has enabled the department to offer additional training. Three Criminal Justice major interns and one counseling intern from UNK were supervised by Training Coordinator Theobald.

During fiscal year 2004-2005, YRTC-K employees accumulated over 10,900 hours of training. This was accomplished by staff attending Pre-service, In-service and specialized training at off campus sites. Several examples of specialized training attended was the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference in Grand Island, Heartland Conference in Omaha, NIS Implementation Training and several different computer courses at the Grand Island Veterans Home and the Hastings Regional Center. The maintenance department attended many different training sessions throughout the state on a wide variety of topics.

Training Coordinator Theobald attended over 40 hours of training on Family Centered Practice in Lincoln. This instructional training will be utilized to train all YRTC-K staff in Family Centered Practice during 2005-2006. In March, all Youth Counselors, Chemical Dependency and the Trauma Counselor attended 3.5 hours of training on the Basic Values, Beliefs and Principle of Family Centered Practice. This will be the basis for on-going training for all staff. During April, Family Centered Practice was added to the YRTC-K Pre-service training schedule.

During February members of the Training Advisory Board distributed the YRTC-K training needs assessment to staff members in their departments. A total of 65 were distributed and returned. The results indicated the need for training in the Youth Treatment Program, specifically in the area of Teamwork Primacy. Training Coordinator Theobald developed a Teamwork Primacy course from research and staff concerns. It will be offered as an In-service course in 2005-2006. Other new courses that were developed to be offered in 2005-2006 Pre-service and In-service training are Cultural Diversity of the Youth Population and Recognizing Critical Behavior. YRTC-K was 100 percent compliant with the number of training hours to meet the accreditation standards for the American Correctional Association. This was accomplished by staff and supervisors working to complete their required training.

## CANTEEN

*The mission of the YRTC-K Canteen is to provide effective commissary services for YRTC-K youth, staff and visitors in a clean and safe environment with timely and friendly customer service.*

The Canteen continues to be a favorite spot for the youth and their families. The Canteen is open 5 days / 20 hours per week to provide personal hygiene and snack items for sale to youth, families, staff and guests.

The youth state – “Canteen is a good place to go, the operator is nice and the prices are cheap”.

Due to resignation of canteen staff, the Business Office staff, Recreation Department and Staff Assistant II all covered the Canteen hours at different times in order to keep it open for the youth and their visitors.

	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Days Open	241	228
Total Sales	\$58,199	\$49,560
Average Daily Sales	\$241	\$206
Ending Inventory	\$7,171	\$6,477
Gross Profit	\$8,573	\$8,161

## WAREHOUSE

*The mission of the YRTC-K warehouse is to provide YRTC-K youth and staff with effective and quality supplies to meet customer needs.*

The warehouse is in charge of all receiving and issuing of all institutional supplies, materials, clothing and equipment. Monthly physical inventories are taken to insure accuracy. Warehouse personnel also assist management with overseeing the farmland and is an effective liaison between YRTC-K and the lessee.

	FY 03-04	FY 04-05
Requisitions Processed	1125	1132
Youth Served	1345	1205

# **ADMINISTRATIVE/CLERICAL SUPPORT**

## **STAFF ASSISTANT II**

*The Mission of the YRTC-K Staff Assistant Program is to provide timely support services for YRTC-K youth and staff to communicate and collaborate with Protection and Safety field staff.*

### **JSO/Youth Counselor/YRTC-K Liaison**

Ms. Jarecki coordinates JSO campus visits. The goal of OJS/YRTC-K is that all YRTC-K youth receive visits from their JSO to facilitate placement planning, parole expectations, and communication with Youth Counselors (YC's) on youth's progress and expectation of youth's needs once he leaves YRTC-K. Ms. Jarecki generated a report sent to YRTC-K Administrator and OJS on the JSO's participating in visits and the number of youth seen.

FISCAL YEAR 2004/2005	Number of Visiting JSOs	Number of Youth Interviewed
July 04	0	0
Aug 04	32	133
Sep 04	36	140
Oct 04	23	73
Nov 04	24	71
Dec 04	47	147
Jan 05	53	148
Feb 05	45	146
Mar 05	44	134
Apr 05	45	142
May 05	38	135
Jun 05	41	134
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>1403</b>

The Staff Assistant II coordinates and attends all youth parole revocation hearings and insures allegation information is passed on to the YC I's and paperwork is placed in youth files. There were 4 youth reinstated to parole as a result of their parole revocation hearings. Thirty youth either waived their revocation hearing or their parole was revoked in 2004/05.

The Staff Assistant II coordinates youth travel plans for releases on parole, furloughs, placement visits and discharges from YRTC-K/OJS/HHS. Travel plans were completed for 406 paroled or discharged youth this year.

The Staff Assistant II completed reservations for youth's families to attend Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners with their sons. Ms. Jarecki arranged travel plans for youth approved for Holiday furloughs. This involved formulating travel plans both to and from YRTC-K and the youth's home. Following are some parental comments regarding their son's home furloughs:

**"We had such a nice time when he was home for the holidays. He has made great progress on working with his anger and making snap decisions. Thank you for helping him change into a better person."**

**"Responsible, acknowledging his faults and knowing he had choices, taking responsibility for his outcome. He has goals now and is determined to follow through because he knows only he can, talks more freely! He is looking forward to going back to school, a big plus, he also did some mentoring for his cousin who is having difficulties and his uncle was very proud of him for his help."**

**"The only thing I have to say to YRTC, they have done wonderful work with my son, seem like a whole different person, he knows that he can fix his own problems or avoid. He has self-confidence and realizes that he can do more with his life than doing what he was doing in the past. We are very proud of him, all things he has done, and accomplish there with his High School diploma. Now he wants to take some college for 2 years and work at Lindsay MFG. Co. Thank you YRTC."**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE/CLERICAL SUPPORT**

### **SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR/RECEPTIONISTS**

***The Mission of the YRTC-K SBO/Reception Office is to provide administrative support services for YRTC-K youth, staff and visitors through timely and friendly customer service.***

The Switchboard Operator (SBO)/Receptionist department consists of four, .50 FTE. The SBO/Receptionists are scheduled from 0700 to 2000 Monday through Friday and 0800 to 1600 Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. All SBO/Receptionists completed 100% of their training requirements, which include mandatory training hours in CPR, First Aid and CPI.

SBO/Receptionists perform numerous duties during their shift which include: greeting all visitors to YRTC-K campus, answer and transfer incoming phone calls, place and record long distance phone calls, sort/distribute mail, return and forward mail, prepare certified mail and FedEx packages, distribute faxes, maintain filing, sell meal tickets, as well as complete various projects for the Business Office. They also perform daily errands, such as bank deposits, pick up glasses from Optometrist, pick up items purchased locally, drop off and pick up items from ESU #10, etc.



The newest asset to our office is an electronic filing system. It is a horizontal filing machine with a large work counter, an overhead light and enough room to place all youth files under one lock and key. We moved files from 28 file cabinets throughout the Administration Building and placed them in one location alphabetically. The benefit of having all files in one area makes research and record requests less time consuming.

#### VISITOR DATA

Month	Number Youth Visits	Number ON Campus Visits	Number OFF Campus Visits
Jul '04	211	67	144
Aug '04	229	98	131
Sep '04	268	118	150
Oct '04	232	112	120
Nov '04	229	92	137
Dec '04	154	68	86
Jan '05	170	75	95
Feb '05	147	62	85
Mar '05	177	88	89
Apr '05	170	68	102
May '05	207	53	154
Jun '05	153	51	102
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2347</b>	<b>952</b>	<b>1395</b>

Another duty is to retrieve and disseminate PDI information requested by courts, probation/parole offices, etc.

P D I	REQUESTS
JUL '04	14
AUG '04	19
SEP '04	19
OCT '04	23
NOV '04	5
DEC '04	16
JAN '05	13
FEB '05	22
MAR '05	17
APR '05	17
MAY '05	15
JUN '05	13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>193</b>

The total number of PDI requests for fiscal year 02/03 were 209 and 03/04 were 183.

# PHYSICAL PLANT / MAINTENANCE

*The Mission of the YRTC-K Maintenance Department is to maintain a safe and sanitary campus environment for YRTC-K youth and staff to allow the YRTC-K Youth Treatment Program to meet youth needs in order to live better lives.*

## **YRTC-K Funded Projects**

- ◆ Installed lateral file system in reception area in administration building. This project involved removing and replacing a wall, ceiling and floor.
- ◆ Remodel dorm YSS I office area at Lincoln and Washington living units. This included new ceiling, new carpeting, new counter tops and cabinets.
- ◆ Installed new 40-foot flagpole on the southeast side of the administration building.
- ◆ Chemical dependency room remodel in the Dodge building. This involved removal of old walls, floor, ceiling and old piping, etc. and construction of new walls, replacement of floor and ceiling and installation of new doors and frames. This project also included a break room, rest room and janitorial storage closet with mop basin.
- ◆ Dickson living unit air balancing project. This relieved excessive positive air pressure in the building to allow exterior doors to close easier.
- ◆ Dickson living unit bed replacement project. This involved removal of metal frame beds that were replaced with concrete block and slab beds for safety reasons.
- ◆ Dickson living unit interior was totally repainted. This included youth rooms, hallways, storerooms, offices, etc.
- ◆ Construction of new grass play area north of B and C living units. This involved bringing in 80 dump truck loads of fill dirt, grading, seeding, watering, fertilizing, etc.
- ◆ Gomez hall power washed exterior west wall to remove loose and flaking paint. The next part of this project will be tuck-pointing masonry joints and re-coating of block wall.
- ◆ Constructed new walkway on the west entrance of Dodge.
- ◆ Maintenance shop replacement of ductwork and furnace.
- ◆ Boiler plant floors painted after installation of new boilers.

## **309 Task Force Funded Projects**

Exterior door and door replacement project for Bryant and Creighton living units and Washington and Lincoln living units. This will be an ongoing project for all buildings on campus.

Roof replacement project at school. This involved removal of old built up roof, replacement of roofing insulation and installation of new adhered rubber roof membrane.

Washington living unit dorm remodel project. New suspended ceiling, new vinyl floor tile, repair and paint all walls and remodel restroom which included new fixtures and porcelain wall and floor tile.

Physical plant boiler replacement project. This included removal of two obsolete boilers that were replaced with three new boilers. This involved extensive piping, electrical and mechanical air supply equipment.

School air conditioning project. This project involved the removal of three outdated outdoor air conditioning units that were replaced with one central unit. This project also supplies fresh outside air to the building.

Physical plant lighting project.

### **Training:**

- ◆ Adult CPR - all maintenance staff
- ◆ Asbestos Refresher course for re-certification
- ◆ Class 6 backflow training for re-certification (15 hours every three years)
- ◆ Boiler controls and water treatment - all staff
- ◆ CMI conference and technology exposition
- ◆ Centrifugal Pumps
- ◆ Man Lift Training by Nebraska Safety Council
- ◆ Swimming Pool Operators Certification
- ◆ Electrical Fundamentals @ CC-K
- ◆ Haz Mat Refresher
- ◆ Mandatory training hours - all staff

### **Total Working Hours**

Total working hours for the fiscal year 2004/2005 is as follows:

Miscellaneous project hours	17,190.5
Work Order hours	428.5
PMI hours	<u>211.0</u>
Total Hours	17,830.0

### **Community Service**

This year YRTC-K maintenance staff donated platelets and 24 pints of blood to the American Red Cross.

# STATISTICAL INFORMATION

On the following pages, statistical information is provided on youth that were admitted to the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center - Kearney in 2004/05.

The statistics are gleaned from the Office of Juvenile Services Management Information System. It should be noted that some data are the result of youth self-reporting and are subject to validity problems. Demographic information is based upon committed youth, not total admitted youth. Below are the distinctions between committed and admitted youth:

**Admissions** include commitments, parole violators, recommitments, parole safekeepers, and court safekeepers.

**Commitments** are considered to be only committed youth, parole violators and recommitments. Parole safekeepers and court safekeepers are not placed in the youth treatment program and are generally housed in our Dickson security unit due to their short length of stay.

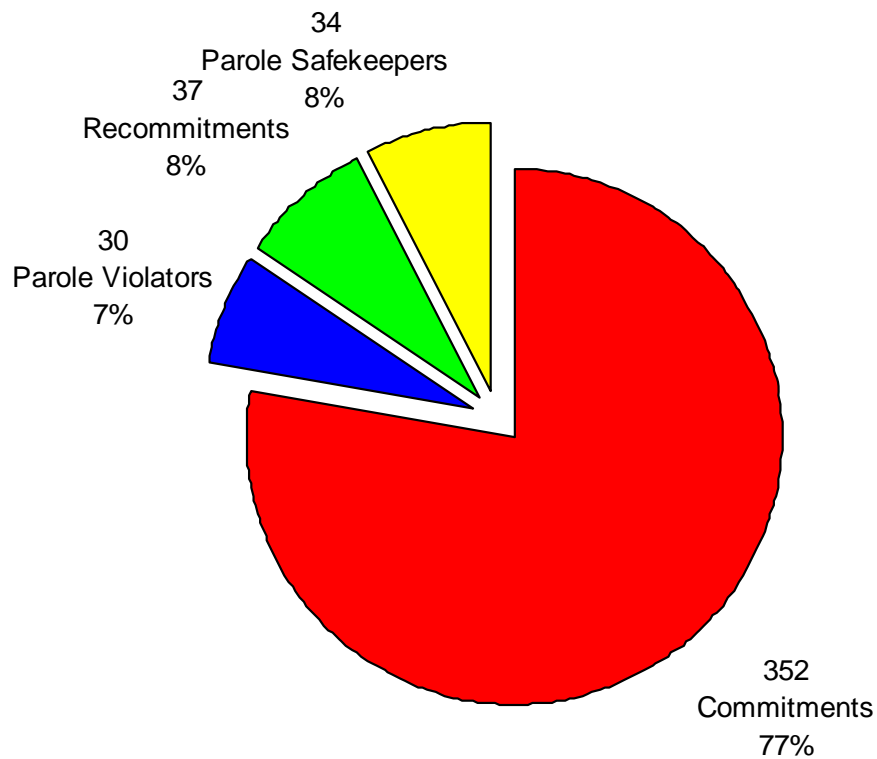
- **Commitments** are youth who are committed to YRTC-K by a Nebraska Court where the youth is adjudicated delinquent by Nebraska State Statute 43-247. Youth sent here for misdemeanor offenses are adjudicated under 43-247 (1) statute. Youth committed for felony offenses are adjudicated under 43-247 (2). Federal and Nebraska law does not allow youth who are considered status offenders to be committed to a YRTC.
- **Parole Violators** are youth who had been committed to YRTC-K and were released on parole status. The youth violate parole by not adhering to parole requirements such as school attendance, curfew, etc. Generally a youth does not return to YRTC-K unless he has violated the law.
- **Recommitments** are youth who were originally committed to YRTC-K and then paroled or discharged. The youth then commits a new offense and the Court commits him to YRTC-K.
- **Parole Safekeepers** are youth who are returned to YRTC-K until a hearing can be held to determine if parole should be revoked. .
- **Court Safekeepers** are youth placed at YRTC-K by the Court for short-term holding. Counties pay YRTC-K a per diem rate on court safekeepers. YRTC-K acceptance is based on current campus population. No status offenders are accepted.

**Releases** include administrative parole, parole, supervision parole, institutional discharge, administrative discharge, reinstatement, revocation, and court safekeeper discharge.

- **Administrative Paroled** youth are those who are released from YRTC-K due to population management or an opening in a treatment facility. The youth is under the supervision of an HHS/OJS Juvenile Service Officer.
- **Paroled** youth are those who are released from YRTC-K by completing the Youth Treatment Program and are nominated for release and approved by the Treatment Team and Administration. The youth is under the supervision of an HHS/OJS Juvenile Service Officer.

- **Supervision Paroled** youth are those who were classified as lower risk youth by the Classification Committee. The youth is under the supervision of an HHS/OJS Juvenile Service Officer.
- **Institutional Discharge** youth are those who have been released from YRTC-K with no parole supervision. They have completed the youth treatment program and were nominated for release and approved by their Treatment Team and Administration. Generally these youth have reached their 18th birthday and earned their high school diploma or the GED.
- **Court Safekeepers Discharge** are youth released when the Court orders their return.
- **Administrative Discharge** are youth who have been released from YRTC-K due to population management with no parole supervision. Generally these youth have reached their 18th birthday and earned their high school diploma or the GED.
- **Revoke (Revocation)** are youth who have violated their parole agreement and their parole is revoked.
- **Reinstated** youth are those who are returned to parole supervision.

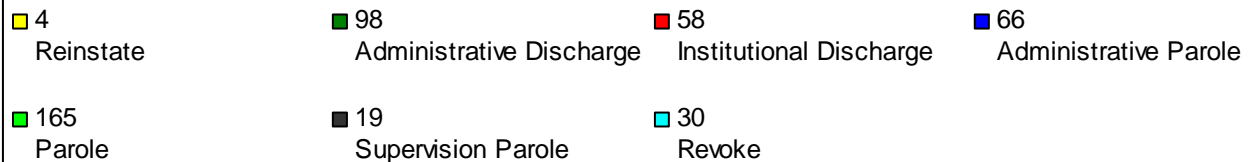
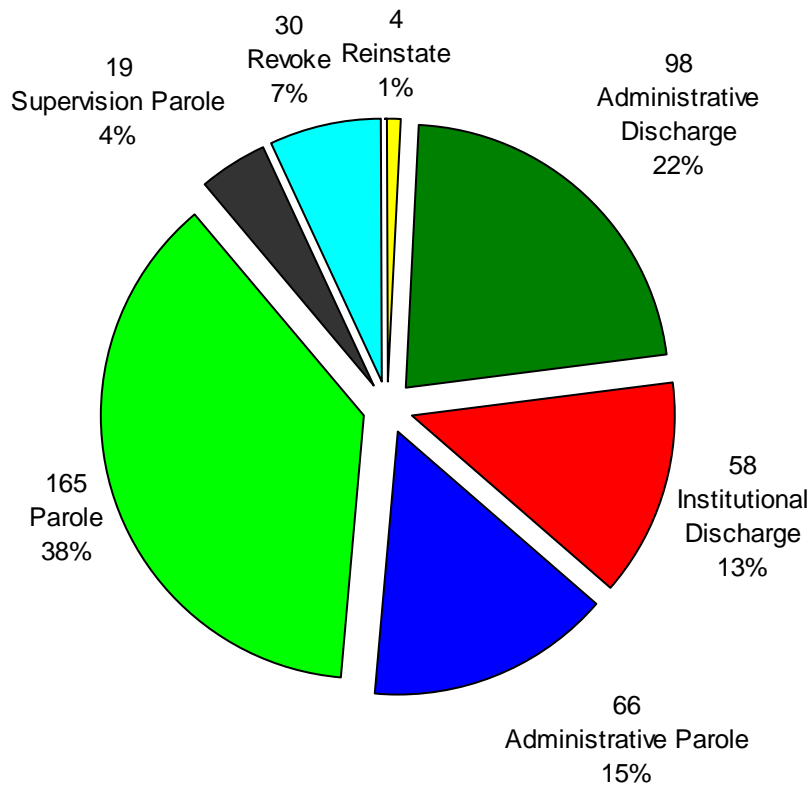
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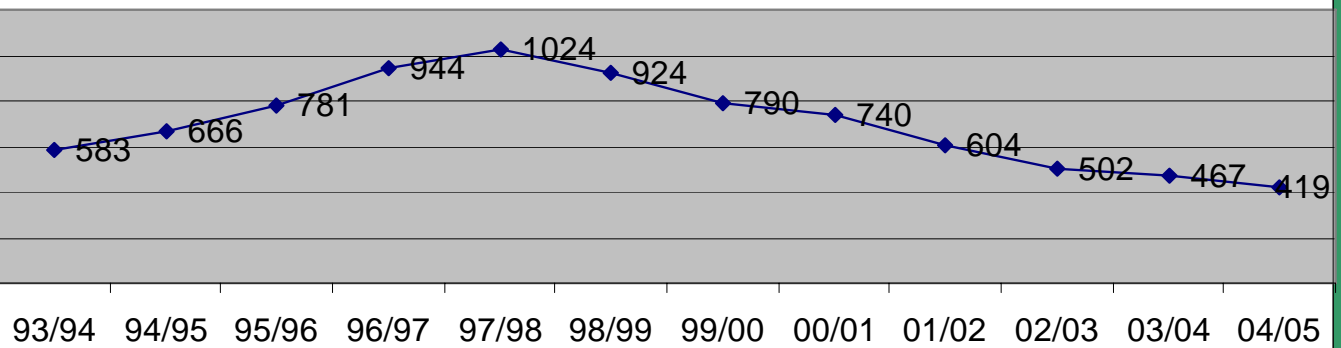
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Commitments	Parole Violators	Recommitments	Parole Safekeepers

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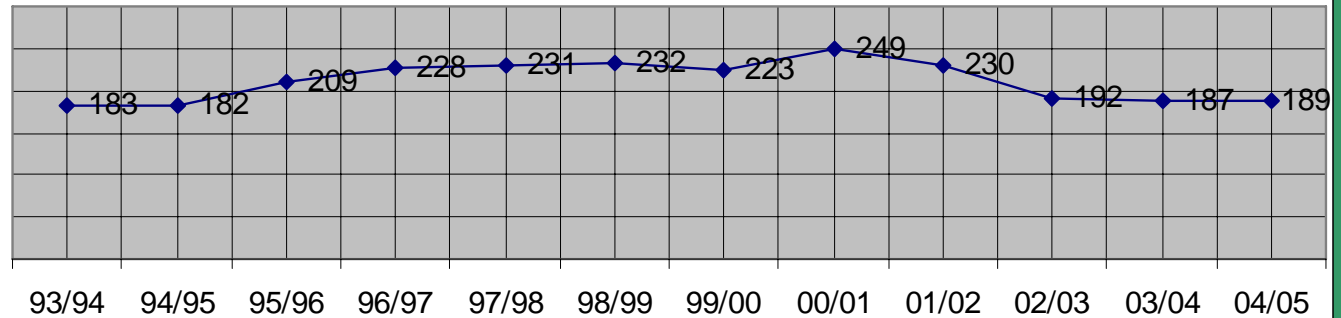
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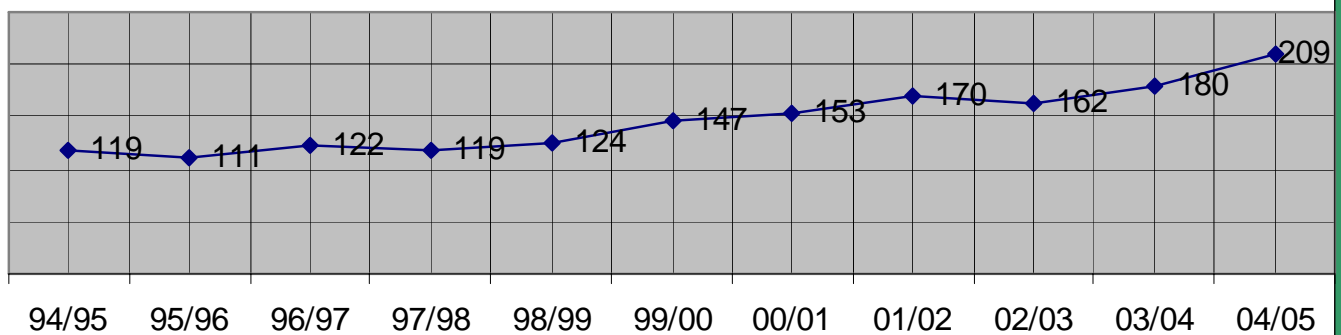
### YRTC-Kearney Total Admissions by Fiscal Year



### YRTC-Kearney Average Daily Population by Fiscal Year



### YRTC-Kearney Average Length of Stay by Fiscal Year



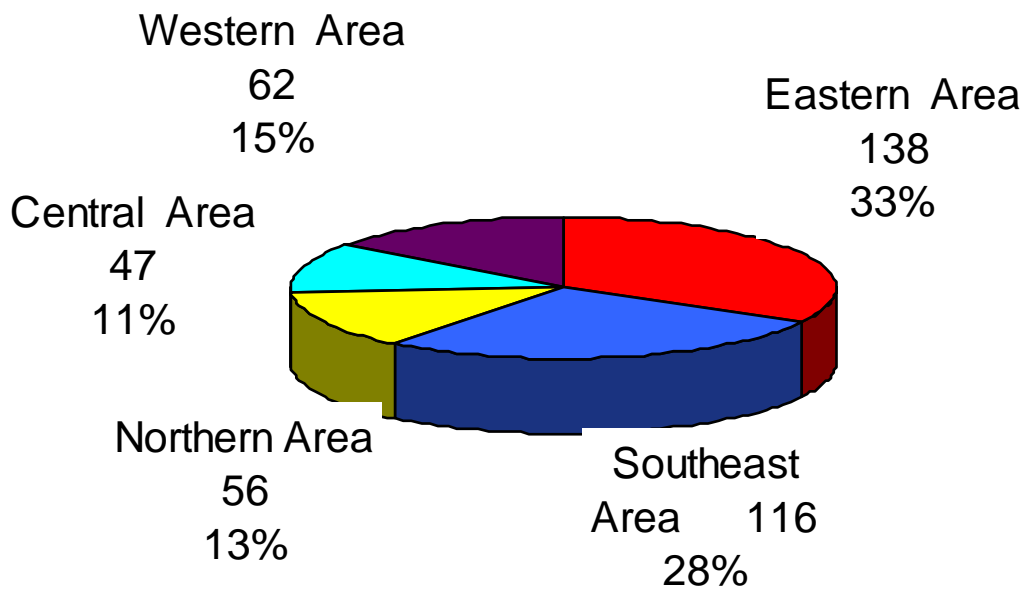
Length of Stay data excludes youth that would be better served with community based programs and classified as a "3". Also does not include youth transferred to the HJCD program, Hastings.



## 2004/05 Commitments by County

COUNTY	SERVICE AREA	NUMBER OF COMMITMENTS	PERCENTAGE
ADAMS	Central	3	0.72 %
ANTELOPE	Northern	2	0.48 %
BOX BUTTE	Western	5	1.19 %
BUFFALO	Central	14	3.34 %
BURT	Northern	2	0.48 %
BUTLER	Southeast	2	0.48 %
CASS	Southeast	1	0.24 %
CHEYENNE	Western	1	0.24 %
CLAY	Central	1	0.24 %
COLFAX	Northern	2	0.48 %
CUSTER	Central	1	0.24 %
DAKOTA	Northern	9	2.15 %
DAWES	Western	2	0.48 %
DAWSON	Western	12	2.86 %
DODGE	Northern	8	1.91 %
DOUGLAS	Eastern	128	30.55 %
FURNAS	Western	1	0.24 %
GAGE	Southeast	5	1.19 %
HALL	Central	21	5.01 %
HAMILTON	Central	1	0.24 %
HARLAN	Central	1	0.24 %
HOLT	Northern	1	0.24 %
HOWARD	Central	3	0.72 %
JEFFERSON	Southeast	1	0.24 %
LANCASTER	Western	87	20.76 %
LINCOLN	Western	15	3.58 %
MADISON	Northern	26	6.21 %
MORRILL	Western	2	0.48 %
NEMAHA	Southeast	3	0.72 %
NUCKOLLS	Central	1	0.24 %
OTOE	Southeast	3	0.72 %
PHELPS	Central	1	0.24 %
PLATTE	Northern	2	0.48 %
RED WILLOW	Western	2	0.48 %
SALINE	Southeast	7	1.67 %
SARPY	Eastern	10	2.39 %
SAUNDERS	Southeast	3	0.72 %
SCOTTS BLUFF	Western	17	4.06 %
SEWARD	Southeast	2	0.48 %
SHERIDAN	Western	5	1.19 %
STANTON	Northern	2	0.48 %
THURSTON	Northern	1	0.24 %
WASHINGTON	Northern	1	0.24 %
YORK	Southeast	2	0.48 %
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>419</b>	<b>100 %</b>

## Commitment Service Areas



Eastern Area	138	Southeast Area	116
Northern Area	56	Central Area	47
Western Area	62		

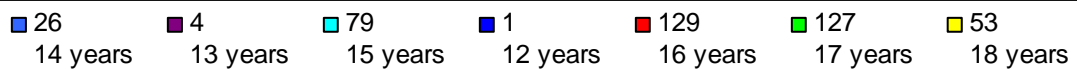
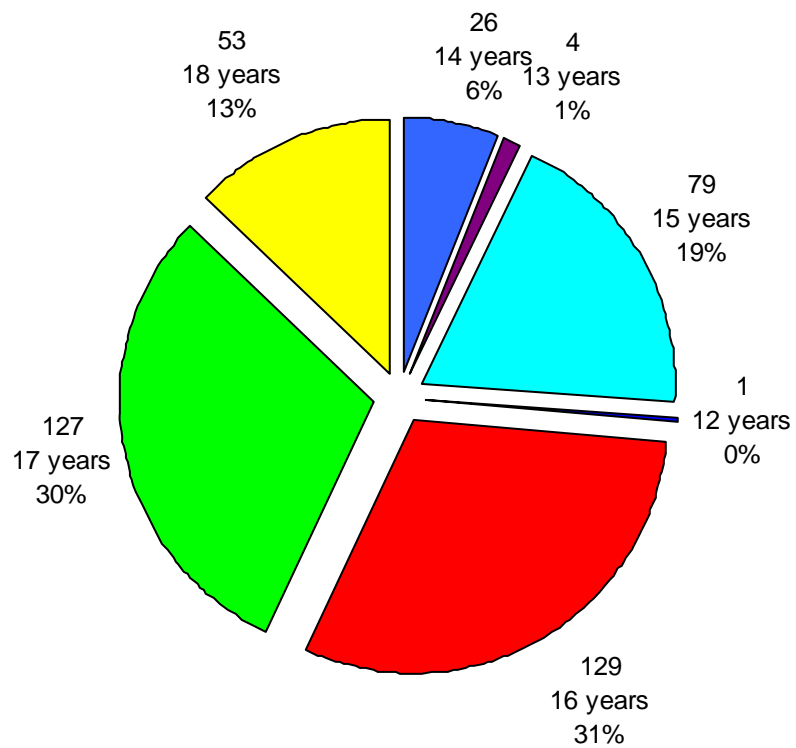
**Total Admissions from Fiscal Year 1994/95 to 2004/2005**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Committed Youth</b>	<b>Parole Violators</b>	<b>Recommitted Youth</b>	<b>Parole Safekeepers</b>	<b>Court Safekeepers</b>	<b>Evaluators</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>94/95</b>	399	121	46	50	12	38	<b>666</b>
<b>95/96</b>	454	131	88	79	17	12	<b>781</b>
<b>96/97</b>	451	134	84	249	22	4	<b>944</b>
<b>97/98</b>	495	160	77	271	20	1	<b>1024</b>
<b>98/99</b>	468	155	86	203	12	0	<b>924</b>
<b>99/00</b>	383	144	73	187	3	0	<b>790</b>
<b>00/01</b>	365	151	51	171	2	0	<b>740</b>
<b>01/02</b>	355	96	45	108	0	0	<b>604</b>
<b>02/03</b>	352	43	61	46	0	0	<b>502</b>
<b>03/04</b>	345	33	54	35	0	0	<b>467</b>
<b>04/05</b>	352	30	37	34	0	0	<b>419</b>

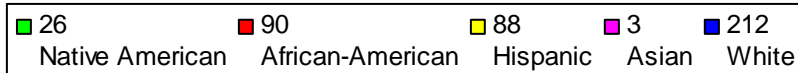
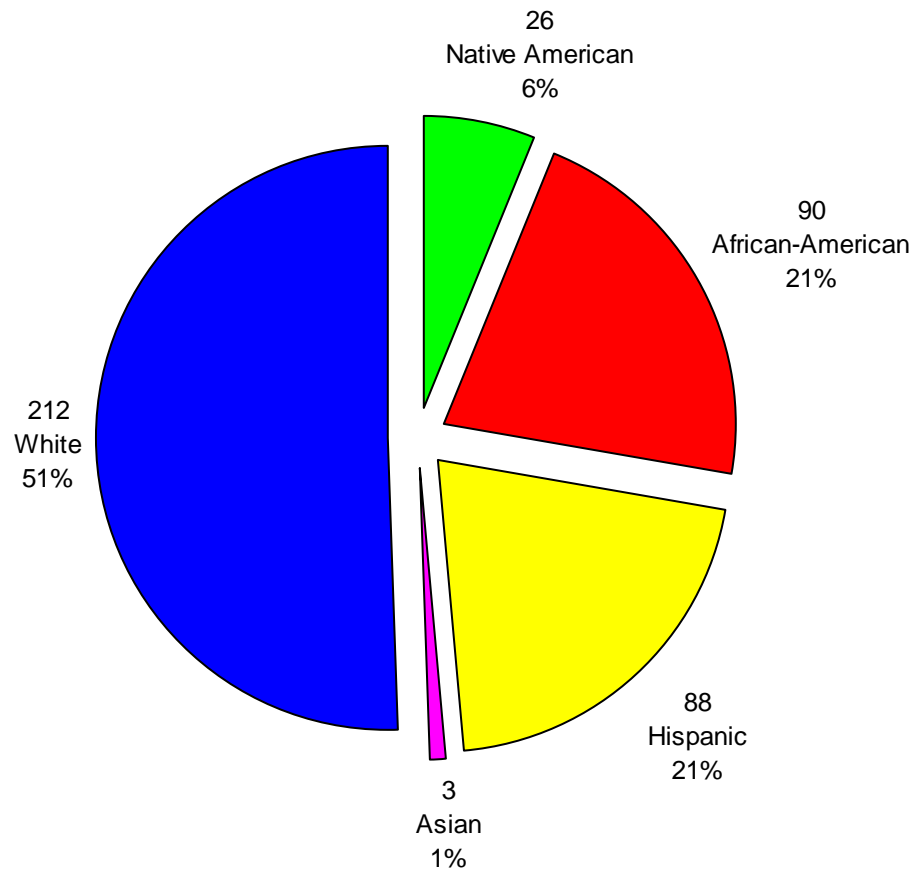
**2004/05 Reason for Commitment**

Arson	2
Assault	84
Auto Theft	31
Burglary	45
Concealed Weapon	17
Criminal Mischief	40
Disorderly Conduct	3
Distributing Drugs	5
Driving without a License	2
Driving While Intoxicated	2
Escape	1
False Information	4
Forgery	2
Minor in Possession	8
Possession of Drugs	37
Probation Violation	2
Resisting Arrest	9
Robbery	8
Sexual Assault	7
Theft	106
Trespassing	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>419</b>

## 04/05 YRTC-K Population by Age Group



## 2004/05 Commitments by Race/Ethnicity



Nebraska Statutes require a youth can only be committed to YRTC-K under the following subdivisions:

**43-247 (1)** - Any juvenile who has committed an act other than a traffic offense which would constitute a ***misdemeanor*** or an infraction under the laws of this state . . .

**43-247 (2)** - Any juvenile who has committed an act which would constitute a ***felony*** under the laws of this state . . .

**43-247 (4)** - Any juvenile who has committed an act which involves a ***motor vehicle*** under the laws of this state . . .

**43-286** – If the juvenile is found by the court to have violated terms of his probation, the court may enter any order of disposition that could have been make at the time the original order of probation was entered.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE DISPLAYS THE TYPE OF COMMITMENTS THE NEBRASKA COURT SYSTEM COMMITTED TO YRTC-K IN 2004/05:

### ***2004/05 Commitment Adjudication***

43-247 (1)	289
43-247 (2)	72
43-247 (1,2)	55
43-247 (1,4)	1
43-286	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>419</b>